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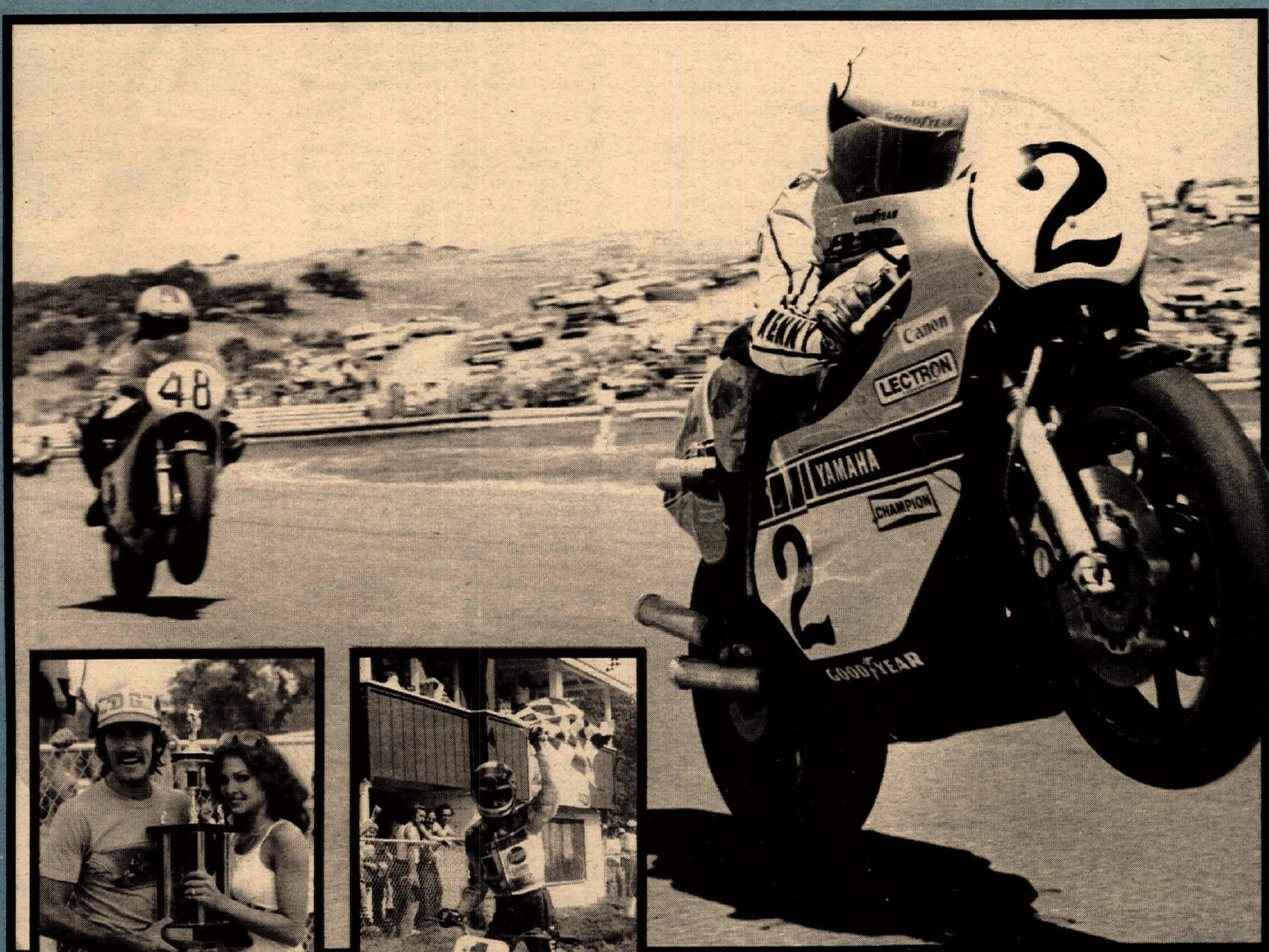
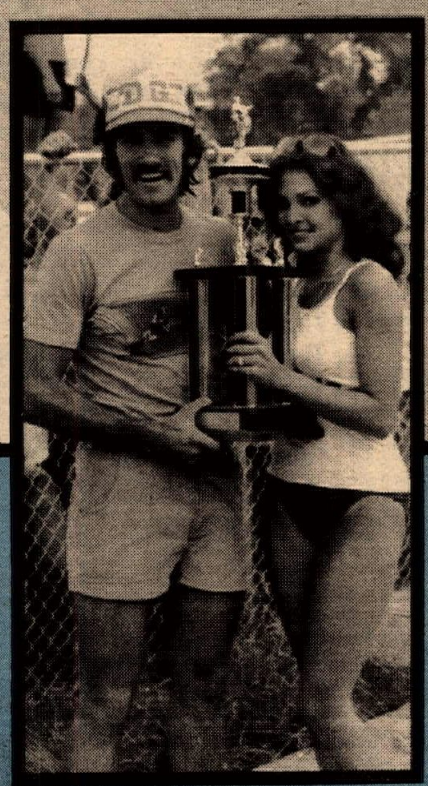




And much more!

NEWSPAPER

The start of the first 125cc moto finds Jim Gibson (51) and Brian Myerscough (3) getting good starts while Mark Barnett (9) and Donnie Cantaloupi (338) almost fall victim to a pile-up.

AMA 125/500cc National Championship MX Series — Rounds 6/7

Glover tops 125cc class: Staten scores Open victory

By Jim Gianatsis

HOUSTON, TX, AUG. 5

In what seemed like a torture test the riders ran their motos amid near 100 degree temperatures and a solid blanket of humidity that kept their goggles constantly fogged, but those who were in good physical shape could endure. That included Broc Glover and Rex Staten of Team Yamaha who won the bake off for overall wins in their respective classes at the Yamaha sponsored Rio Bravo Nationals. Glover was clearly superior in the 125cc National class as the reigning champ and current series points leader ripped off back-to-back moto wins from poor starts with his Jim Felt wrenched OW-42 Yamaha factory machine.

In the 500cc National class Rex Staten traded sweat and moto wins with current series leader Danny LaPorte on a Suzuki, with Rex bringing his Tom Volin prepped Yamaha OW-41 into the winner's circle the first time this year.

Winner's circle ceremonies were sweet as Penthouse cover girl Debbie Zullo was on hand to trade kisses and trophies for a little of that hard earned on track glory.

125cc National

After his performance at the United States 125cc Grand Prix two weeks earlier, nearly everyone was expecting Suzuki's Mark Barnett to take control of the Nationals this week after the mid-summer break. And it was Suzuki teammates Brian Myerscough and Barnett blasting off with the start of the day's first moto amid a huge pile-up in turn one.

That crash took down a number of riders including Honda's Warren Reid and new Team Suzuki rider, Pat Jacobson. Jacobson's outstanding performance as a privateer the first half of the 125cc Nationals Series had earned him a factory ride on an RA works bike. But it only lasted from the starting line to the first turn as Jacobson was taken to the hospital with a severe back injury. Reid, with his jersey torn to shreds, remounted and rejoined the race in last place.

"I got a really bad start behind that crash," said Broc Glover. It wasn't long though before Broc had terrorized his way up through the pack. Passing Moto-X Fox's Donnie Cantaloupi for third place, he then set his sights on the two Team Suzuki riders out front.

At the halfway point in the moto Glover sandblasted his way past Barnett with nary a fight, then two laps later did the same to Myerscough as they charged through the signal area to give Broc the lead. Broc kept his steam up the rest of the race and continued to pull away for the win with a huge lead.

Myerscough held onto second position ahead of Barnett; Cantaloupi turned over fourth to the determined rider from Kawasaki, Jeff Ward, just before the finish line, and Warren Reid turned in a spectacular ride after his first turn crash to claim sixth ahead of Steve Martin and Jim Gibson.

Shawn Kelly and a group of other privateers gassed themselves out front at the start of moto two and continued to look good even after Honda's Jim Gibson moved into the lead at the end of the first lap. Broc Glover got another bad start.

"I must have been dumping my clutch too hard on the concrete starting pad and not getting any traction," Glover guessed. But once again he came from the back of the pack, this time with Myerscough, Barnett and Cantaloupi in company. It was Broc who worked the hardest to make up for his lost ground as he diced past Kelly at the 10-minute mark for second place and then found himself recaught by both Kelly and Jeff Ward for a battle which lasted nearly five minutes. Finally Broc shook them off and went after Gibson, passing to take over the lead at the 15 minute mark. Gibson and Kelly would burn themselves out and drop back into the pack as Barnett moved up to claim second ahead of Ward, followed by Reid, Myerscough and Cantaloupi — who was again top privateer on his Chuck Tannlund prepared YZ Yamaha from Moto-X Fox.

"I worked my butt off the last two weeks for this win," said Glover in reference to his defeat by Barnett at the U.S. Grand Prix. He had come early to Texas to work out and ride in the heat and it had paid off. He was obviously the fastest 125cc rider at Houston and Barnett wasn't able to run off from Glover when National Championship points were on the line.

500cc National

In an unexpected surprise Rex Staten had his main jets wide open at Rio Bravo as he holeshot both motos in the heavy metal class. The first race saw Rex waltzing his 425cc works Yamaha out ahead of Danny LaPorte, Gaylon Mosier, Marty Moates, Bell, Semics, Theiss, Stackable, Croft and Ellis. For "Captain Cobalt" Ellis, this was his first National race of the season since his February Supercross injury.

Staten held the lead for 45 minutes as LaPorte hitched his Suzuki on

behind, never dropping back further than 50 feet the entire way but never getting his RN-420 Suzuki in a position to challenge, either. The only change occurred suddenly just before the finish when Mike Bell used his new monster 490cc Yamaha to whip by a tiring Danny LaPorte and closed to within 20 feet of teammate Staten.

Positions behind remained fairly steady except for Gaylon Mosier who tangled with a whoop the wrong way and bounced his Uni-Trak Kawasaki into a tree. Gaylon's lower leg was caught between Mean Green and a hard place which resulted in what was reported to be a broken leg. He was rushed to the hospital and will possibly be out of action for the rest of the year after a strong showing in this year's 500cc series.

Reigning champ Rick Burgett seemed to suffer numerous problems throughout the day. Stackable was running storng, but pulled out of the race when he stalled his engine and couldn't get it restarted because of a mud jammed kick starter. Suzuki's Darrell Shultz never even made the race after a broken swingarm pivot bolt was found on his bike after a false start had returned everyone back to the line for a restart.

Once again Staten pulled the holeshot for moto two with LaPorte plopping his Suzuki in behind. It looked like a re-run of the first race as Bell zipped his way past Semics to claim third, but still a good distance behind the two front runners. Three laps into the race Staten was balked by a slower lapped rider in a turn. LaPorte saw a clean opening on an inside line and took the lead. Rex charged back at Danny with everything he had, but it was no use. Danny kept track of signboard signals from mechanic Pat Alexander to keep Rex at bay with a not so safe two to five second margin.

"I started to make a move on Danny at one point," Rex later recalled, "but I didn't want to take any chances either. I knew if I just held on to my second place I would take the overall win."

Which was just what happened. Rex followed Danny across the finish line by just a matter of feet after waiting for a mistake from LaPorte which never came. Ten seconds behind them came Bell, then Short Stack Stackable with his LOP Yamaha in the top privateer spot, Semics, Moates and Arlo Englund on his Vickery sponsored Yamaha. ●

Results

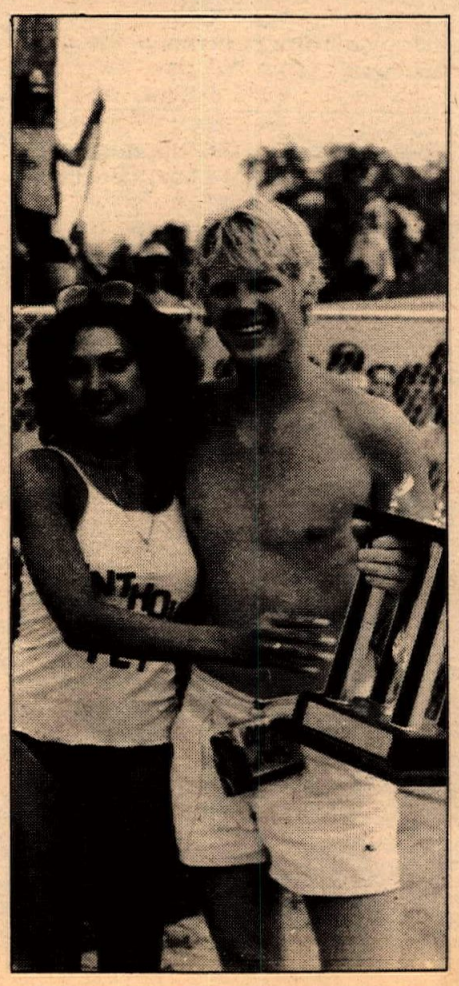
125cc NATIONAL: 1. Broc Glover (Yam) 1-1; 2. Mark Barnett (Suz) 3-2; 3. Jeff Ward (Kaw) 4-3; 4. Warren Reid (Hon) 6-4; 5. Donnie Cantaloupi (Yam) 5-5; 6. Steve Martin (Yam) 7-6; 7. Brian Myerscough (Suz) 2-17; 8. Jim Gibson (Hon) 8-9; 9. Pat Moroney (Suz) 12-7 ; 10. David Taylor (Yam) 10-10; 11. Daniel Conway (Suz) 14-8; 12. David McClain (Suz) 15-11; 13. Kirk Bigelow (Yam) 17-13; 14. Clifton Lett 13-16; 15. Tod Perkins (Yam) 9-*; 16. Scott Burnworth (Suz) 17-14; 17. John Olten 11-*; 18. Bob Hamby (Yam) *-13; 19. Carlo Musso (Kaw) 19-16; 20. Glendon Johnson 18-20.
*Denote DNF

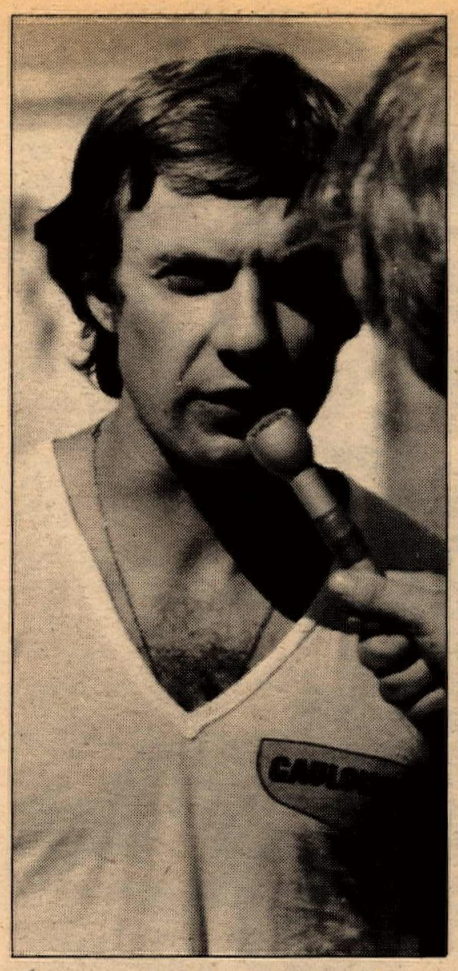
500cc NATIONAL: 1. Rex Staten (Yam) 1-2; 2. Danny LaPorte (Suz) 3-1; 3. Mike Bell (Yam) 2-3; 4. Marty Moates (Yam) 4-6; 5. Arlo Englund (Yam) 8-7; 6. Mark Rakestraw (Mai) 9-8; 7. Greg Theiss (Yam) 5-13; 8. Mickey Boone (Kaw) 10-9; 9. Monte Anderson (Mai) 11-11; 10. Steve Stackable (Yam) *-4; 11. Gary Semics (Hon) *-5; 12. Parry Klassen (Mai) 16-10; 13. Wayne Boyer (Suz) 14-12; 14. Michael Kessler (Yam) 6-*; 15. John Day (Yam) 12-16; 16. Tommy Croft (Kaw) 7-*; 17. Randy Kirshbaum (Mai) 13-*; 18. Darrell Shultz (Suz) *-14; 19. Ross Williams (Hus) *-15; 20. Goat Breker (Hus) 15-*.
*Denotes DNF.

AMA 125cc NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES POINT STANDINGS: 1. Broc Glover (245); 2. Brian Myerscough (174); 3. Mark Barnett (161); 4. Jeff Ward (154); 5. Warren Reid (144); 6. Donnie Cantaloupi (140); 7. Jim Gibson (118); 8. Pat Jacobsen (115); 9. Ron Turner (98); 10. Chappy Blose (80); 11. Pat Maroney (79); 12. David Taylor (62); 13. Robert Handy (61); 14. Gary Denton (57); 15. Steve Martin (54); 16. Dan Conway (46); 17. Randy Hess (44); 18. Richard Coon (38); 19. Cliff Lett (34); 20. Mel Newman (33).

AMA 500cc NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES POINT STANDINGS: 1. Danny LaPorte (289); 2. Mike Bell (264); 3. Rex Staten (217); 4. Gaylon Mosier (213); 5. Darrell Shultz (205); 6. Gary Semics (181); 7. Rick Burgett (147); 8. Arlo Englund (140); 9. Marty Smith (113); 10. Mickey Kessler (112); 11. Greg Theiss (98); 12. Denny Swartz (96); 13. Marty Moates (93); 14. Goat Breker (91); 15. Tommy Croft (85); 16. Parry Klassen (83); 17. Monte Anderson (64); 18. Rich Eierstedt (56); 19. Steve Stackable (50); 20. Mark Rakestraw (47).

(Above) Danny LaPorte edged Rex Staten in the second 500cc moto, but the "Rocket" took the overall when his 1-2 score was compared to LaPorte's 3-1. (Right) LOP's Marty Moates was top privateer in the 500cc class. (Below) Broc Glover and Penthouse Pet Debbie Zullo.





Patrick Pons took the F750 point lead with his Canada win.

World Championship

F750 Road Race Series — Round 6

Pons grabs points lead in Canada

By Marc Lachapelle

BOWMANVILLE, CANADA, JULY 29

Frenchman Patrick Pons, by virtue of a win and second place finish in the two 25-lap heats of the Molson Export sponsored Canadian F750 World Championship road race, grabbed the lead in the title chase from Johnny Cecotto who did not attend the event. Pons leads Cecotto 98-79 in point standings.

Canadian Steve Gervais picked up second overall in the event with second and third place finishes while Swiss rider Michel Frutschi carded third.

Yvon DuHamel, making his annual trek to Mosport for the F750 event, was riding a Yamaha Motor Canada OW31 that American Ron Pierce had ridden to second place in the Daytona 200 earlier this year. Unfortunately, DuHamel lost his rear brake when a hose split while he was challenging for the lead in the first heat. The most popular rider at Mosport rode the final leg and again experienced brake and handling problems that left him in the DNF column once again.

Clouds blanketed the track early Sunday, but the sun came out and action got underway.

On the first lap over the twisting 2.5 course it was American Bruce Patterson - back in shape after his bad crash in the Loudon Winston Pro Series National - taking the lead. Patterson stayed ahead for the next two laps until a fall put him out for the day. Patterson had been followed by Raymond Roche, Patrick Pons, Steve Gervais, Frank McTaggard, Michel Frutschi, Yvon DuHamel and Marc Fontan. Pons went out front, Raymond Roche was second with Steve Gervais close enough to draft. Michel Frutschi was running a few feet behind the trio, but did not seem to have the speed one could have expected of the new F750 sensation. In this first heat, he experienced problems with the power of his mount, and was getting sprayed with petrol thanks to a faulty gas cap. Frutschi was soon pushed by Yvon DuHamel for fourth. DuHamel, who was in seventh position at mid-point through lap one was now moving up.

"I started easy, since I wanted to bring the tires right up to where they would stick to their best potential" said DuHamel.

When "Super Frog" felt his tires were up to their best operating temperature, he started moving through the pack. On lap four he tried to pass Frutschi in Moss Corner, a tricky double apex hairpin. DuHamel was blocked, but tried again, and a few moments later he was right behind Roche. He then moved past into second place and moved up on Pons.

Soon he was up Pons' rear fender and looking for an opening, which came soon as DuHamel leaped over Pons in one of the worst spots on the track.

"He really had me on power," said DuHamel, "so I had to put all the pressure I could on him (Pons) in the corners I am fastest in."

On lap 18 the fans saw DuHamel round the track for the last time as his rear brake gave up on him.

The best battle of the day was then over as Pons pulled out in front alone in full command of the race. Luckily for him, his head gasket waited for the 22nd lap to give under the pressure. The Frenchman slowed down but still protected his 15 championship points.

Eight seconds behind came Steve Gervais and Frank McTaggard both with solid and consistent performances. Roche and Frutschi were fourth and fifth.

Yvon DuHamel, tired but happy with his times in heat one, was resting with his family.

"I didn't think it would be so easy to pass some of these French guys and a young lion like Gervais, especially since I was having a little bit of a hard time adapting to the bike," said DuHamel, "I'm going to try my best in the second heat, but I won't fall - that's for sure."

Times were not as easy for other riders. Bob Work was fixing his rear brake for Number 17, and French mechanics were just about done with Pons' head gasket. A few feet down in the garage Michel Frutschi, his leathers down to his waist, was frantically screwing in and out plugs, coils and all other ignition parts.

"He's changing everything just to make sure. He was down on power, and I tell you it wasn't the rider," said one of the crew members.

Then Frutschi turned to him and said, "Try and get them to delay the start just a bit if everyone agrees."

Nevertheless, there was minimum delay for the start of the second leg and 26 year old Frutschi was there for the green flag. American rider Frank McTaggard took the lead in corner one, but it was short lived as the privateer from Michigan dumped his Yamaha in corner 2A, the same corner that took Bruce Patterson down in the first heat.

Michel Frutschi then took command, never to look back with Patrick Pons filling second spot. They had easily dispatched second and third running Gervais and Roche and were now running like wildfire in front, with only French rider Herve Guilleux even close.

For a few laps, Pons kept up and even closed in a bit on Frutschi, due to a challenge from the back by Guilleux. In chasing Pons, Guilleux set the best time for the GP, at the same time breaking Mike Baldwin's one year old lap record with a scorching 1:29.162. It was all over for Guilleux on lap 14 when he fell chasing Pons.

Yvon DuHamel was again moving up on the leaders. After starting in the back of the grid because of his DNF in the first heat and rounding corner one in tenth position, DuHamel gradually picked off riders one by one, eventually snatching fourth place behind the European trio of Frutschi, Pons and Guilleux. DuHamel was getting down to lap times in the low 1:30's when his rear brake started acting up again.

"The brake did it again so I decided to play it a little cooler and finish good, but then something else happened," explained DuHamel, "The steering damper the machanics had fixed by putting 40 weight oil in began to let go and the bike started wobbling all over and I didn't have any choice anymore." He pulled in on lap 16.

With DuHamel and Guilleux out, not to count Roche who had also gone down on lap five, Steve Gervais saw the chance of a good showing. He put the pressure on and caught Pons a few laps from the end, not knowing the Frenchman was getting sprayed by boiling coolant from a once again blown head gasket.

With two laps to go Gervais was closing on Frutschi but half a lap from the end his engine started missing. Gervais rolled past the checkered going somewhere around five miles an hour, with Pons already in the pits with the overall win. •

Results

F750: 1. Patrick Pons (Yam) 1-2; 2. Steve Gervais (Yam) 2-3; 3. Michel Frutschi (Yam) 5-1; 4. Marc Fontan (Yam) 6-4; 5. Frank McTaggard (Yam) 3-DNF; 6. Dan Sorensen (Yam) 9-5; 7. Gary Collins (Yam) 8-6; 8. andrew McKenna (Egli) 11-7; 9. Werner Nenning (Yam) 7-14; 10. Gord Meiklejohn (Yam) 12-8.

125cc Honda Challenge: 1. Steve Bragg; 2. Clive NG-A-Kien; 3. Keith Brown; 4. Gary Maslanka.

Castrol Cup Superbikes: 1. Lang Hindle; 2. David Park; 3. George Morin; 4. Frank Mrazek; 5. Norm Murphy.

World Championship

F750 Road Race Series — Round 5

New star is born in Austria; Singleton swamped

ZELTWEG, AUSTRIA, JULY 22

Virtually unknown Austrian Werner Nenning (Yamaha) achieved instant fame when he won both legs of the Austrian Formula 750 Grand Prix at Zeltweg. For although continual rain cut the crowd to 8,000, the racing was seen by millions on television in Austria, Switzerland and in parts of Italy and Germany.

It was the 23-year-old Austrian's first international win and he did things in style - finishing way ahead of his more famous rivals in both races and clocking the fastest laps of the day for good measure.

Second place overall went to France's Patrick Pons who, despite the treacherous conditions, kept his Yamaha on its wheels to score a second and a third: the 22 points he earned closing the gap that separates him from championship leader Johnny Cecotto (Yamaha) from a yawning 30 points to an achievable eight.

Cecotto, along with several other top 750cc contenders was away competing in the Swedish Grand Prix and it was Finland's Markku Matikainen (Yamaha) who set the fastest practice lap ahead of Japan's Sadao Asami (Yamaha).

Then the weather had been dry but on Sunday it poured with rain all day and the FIM jury decided even before racing started, to cut the distance of each leg from 28 to 21 laps in the interests of safety.

Jacques Cornu (Yamaha), reigning Swiss 250, 350 and 500cc champion, shot ahead from the start chased by Pons who soon took the lead. But the Frenchman's hopes of an easy win were shattered when Nenning went steaming by on the fourth lap — his 750cc Yamaha clocking 150 mph through the speed trap despite the rain!

Nenning pulled away to win by over half a minute and it was Cornu who took second place, re-passing Pons at the halfway stage.

American Dale Singleton (Yamaha), having his first big race in rain, had been outclassed during practicing but he worked his way up to sixth place before he was forced to make a pit stop to re-fasten his helmet which had come loose. After that he was left way down the field and in the second leg he could finish no higher than fourteenth.

Again Cornu and Pons made the best starts when the second race got away — but again Nenning soon caught them. This time he stayed with Pons for a few laps, playing cat and mouse with the French racer. Then he cleared off to win by 23 seconds.

In a dice for third place first Cornu crashed and then Matikainen dropped his Yamaha when he collided with an Austrian he was lapping. With these two out, Australian Greg Johnson (Yamaha) took over to finish third ahead of Hubert Rigal (Yamaha) who rode consistently to finish fourth in both races. •

Results

1. W. Nenning (Austria, Yam); 2. P. Pons (France, Yam); 3. H. Rigal (Monaco, Yam); 4. J. Cornu (Switzerland, Yam); 5. G. Johnson (Australia, Yam); 6. G. Bonera (Italy, Yam); 7. M. Frutschi (Switzerland, Yam); 8. R. Schulze (Austria, Suz); 9. F. Kerscheauner (Austria, Yam); 10. H. Rueilleux (France, Yam).

First race (21 laps): 1. Nenning, 52m 17.5s, 88.80 mph; 2. Cornu; 3. Pons; 4. Rigal; 5. Schultz; 6. Frutschi; 7. Bonera; 8. Agopian; 9. Matikainen; 10. Roche.

Fastest lap: Nenning, 2m 24.3s, 91.91 mph.

Second race (21 laps): 1. Nenning, 50m 58.9s, 91.28 mph; 2. Pons; 3. Johnson; 4. Rigal; 5. Kerscheneauner; 6. Rueilleux; 7. Bonera; 8. Husson; 9. Frutschi; 10. Asami.

Fastest lap: Nenning, 2m 22.3s, 93.39 mph.

World Championship Point Standings: 1. J. Cecotto (Venezuela, Yam) 79 pts; 2. P. Pons (France, Yam) 71; 3. M. Frutschi (Switzerland, Yam) 50; 4. S. Asami (Japan, Yam) 43; 5. G. Hansford (Australia, Kaw) 39; 6. G. Bonera (Italy, Yam) 35; 7. J. Cornu (Switzerland, Yam) 34; 8. W. Nenning (Auxtria, Yam) 30; 9. C. Sarron (France, Yam) 28; 10. V. Ferrari (Italy, Suz) 27.

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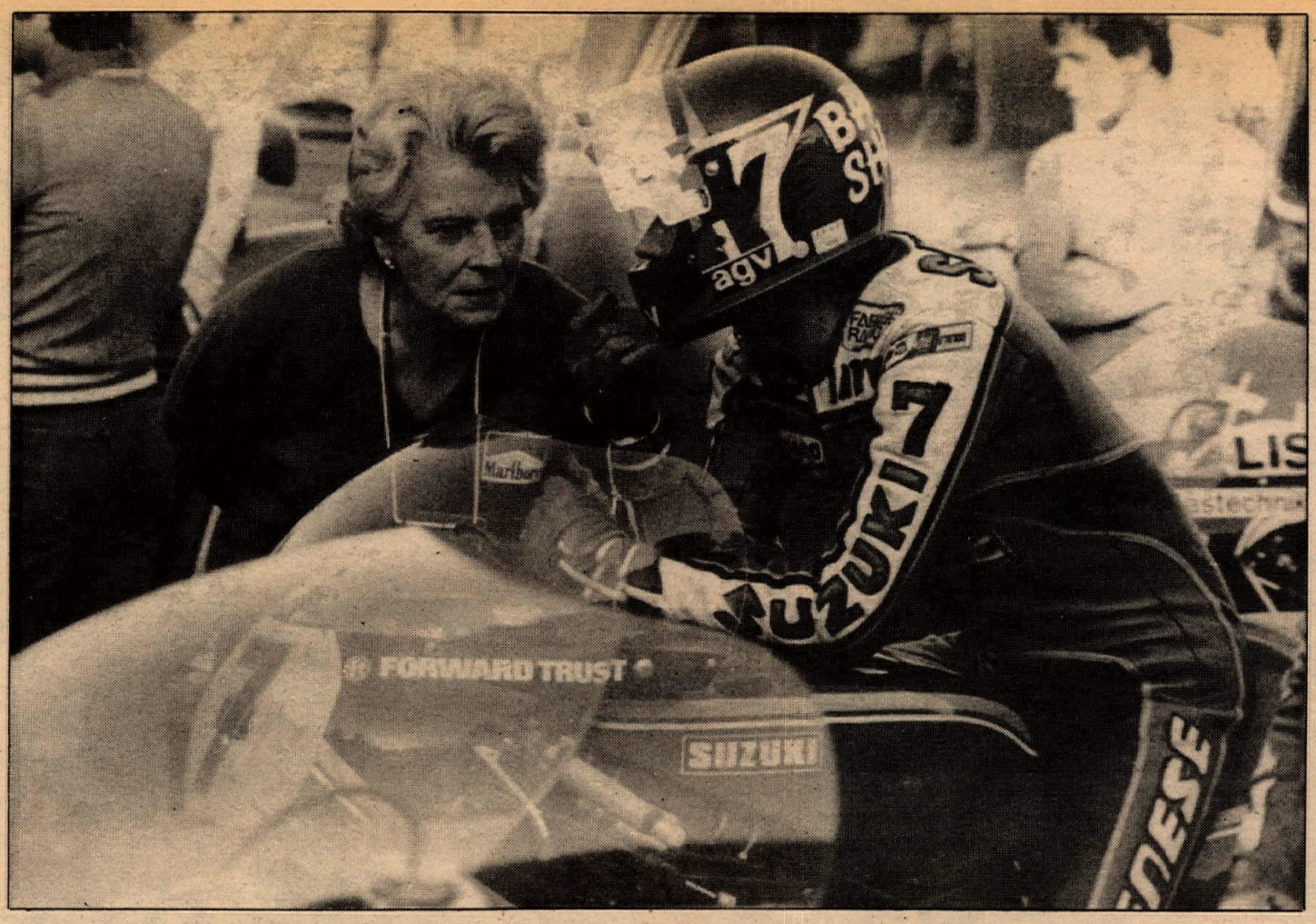

Barry Sheene had another good race in Sweden, winning there for the fifth consecutive year. (File photo.)

World Championship Road Race Series: Round 9

Sheene wins; Roberts takes points lead

By Chris Carter
Photo by Francois Beau/DPPI

KARLSKOGA, SWEDEN, JULY 22

Barry Sheene won the 500cc race at the Swedish GP at Karlskoga, but it wasn't enough to stop American Kenny Roberts taking the championship lead on his works Yamaha by finishing fourth.

The Swedish air must do something special for Barry. This was the fifth time in as many years that he has won the 500cc event at the Swedish round of the World Championship.

But Barry wasn't the only British winner of the weekend. Jock Taylor scored his first ever GP victory, by beating West German Werner Schwarzel home in the B2A Sidecar race. In front of his delighted sponsor Dennis Trollope of Fowlers.

For Jock's passenger, little Swede Bengt Johansson, it was a triumph too. This was only his second ever outing in a sidecar and what better way to start a grand prix career than with a win in front of 10,000 of your own countrymen?

The 500cc race was without doubt the main event of the show. It gave Sheene his second win of the year and provided plenty of drama and excitement along the way.

Sheene's Suzuki was well down the field at the end of the first two laps, but he moved smartly through the pack from down in eighth place to pass Roberts on the 10th lap and move into third place.

It was Swiss privateer Philippe Coulon who had set the pace for the first four laps until Wil Hartog passed him. But he hung on to second place for another twelve laps before Sheene could find his way through.

With Barry breathing down his neck Hartog had to hurry, and on the eighteenth lap the Dutchman crashed heavily, but without injury when the rear chain tensioner broke, locking his Suzuki's back wheel.

Once ahead Sheene never looked like being caught, and his winning margin grew when unlucky Philippe Coulon took a dive at the hairpin. He was taken to hospital battered and bruised, and with a suspected broken nose.

That left Roberts struggling hard to cope with a Yamaha that was handling badly with a failed monoshock unit and a suspect rear tire. In fact Kenny had no answer to the twin-prong attack of Dutch privateers Jack Middelburg and Boet van Dulmen on their RG500 Suzukis.

Boet managed to get into second spot for a while but in the closing stages had clutch problems and settled for third place.

Sheene stormed home to win by five seconds, and pulled himself up into fourth place in the championship chase. While Middelburg and van Dulmen made the plane load of visiting Dutchmen happy by being the first two men from that country to stand side-by-side on the winners podium.

Fourth, chased over the line by Steve Parrish, was Roberts, far from happy at his mechanical problems, but back once again in the lead of the championship.

Parrish looked impressive in what was easily his best performance in Europe this year. He was catching Roberts hand over fist and might well have nailed the Californian if the rear tire had stood up better to the punishment.

But Parrish was under pressure himself from American teenager Randy Mamola (Yamaha) who was chopping over a second a lap off the gap between them until the penultimate lap when he had a slide, and lost a lot of time checking the rear tire.

Marco Lucchinelli (Suzuki) was the first Italian home after Ferrari had pulled out, and unlucky Franco Uncini had slid off his Suzuki at the banked hairpin.

Sheene was happy at his win, though Hartog has the consolation of a record-breaking lap in 1m 24.3s — almost a second-and-a-half better than Cecotto's old record.

Cecotto had another terrible ride. His Yamaha was well down the field when he finally pulled out, and teammate Christian Sarron did a little better. He couldn't catch the Japanese rider Ikujiro Takai, on the prototype production Yamaha.

But if Barry was happy at his success, Jock Taylor was over the moon at grabbing the first British sidecar world championship win since Chris Vincent's victory at Finland in 1964.

Yet things might have been a lot tougher for him if Derek Jones had gone the full distance. The British champion, with Brian Ayres in the chair of the Daytona Yamaha, swept into the lead from well down the pack.

Jock had been having a tussle with Rolf Steinhausen in the early stages, but the West German started with a misfire, and he and passenger Kenny Arthur slipped slowly back to finally quit with ignition problems before one-third distance.

Rolf Biland, with Kurt Walltisperg in the chair were in trouble too. They stopped to change plugs and restarted at the back of the pack. And that left Taylor and Jones dicing for the lead.

Then a pebble flicked up by the rear wheel of Taylor's outfit punctured Jones' radiator, and though Brian Ayres tried to stem the flow of water by putting his thumb over the hole, the engine finally blew up.

It was cruel luck for Jones who has been struggling all season to hit the form he showed last season on the new outfit.

With Jones out Taylor had only Werner Schwarzel to worry about, and the West German never really gave the Scotsman a worrying moment.

Biland though was hurrying through the pack and pulled through to finish third, well down on the leading duo, but an impressive performance that earned him the lap record in 1m 26.7s.

Dick Greasley and John Parkins (Yamaha) were left on the line at the start of the race but like Biland, they battled through in convincing style to finish fourth and lift themselves farther up the championship table.

But unlucky Bill Hodgkins, and Bill Boldison in the chair of the Yamaha outfit, were robbed of championship points when they ran out of brakes in the closing stages and had to quit.

Opening Sunday's race card was the 125cc event and that was thrown into chaos by a shower of rain midway through.

Many of the pace-makers slid to earth without injury including West German Gurt Bender (Bender) after outbraking Italian Pierpaolo Bianchi (Minarelli), who went on to score his first world championship success in a year.

Bruno Kneubuhler failed to take advantage of his outing on the factory Minarelli, normally raced by the injured Angel Nieto, and after making a sluggish start he too went out.

Saturday's sole World Championship race was the 250cc event where Italian Graziano Rossi notched his third successive victory on the works Morbidelli. Rossi, like many, was a little wary of the track conditions early on, particularly after losing control and forcing the unlucky Randy Mamola (Yamaha) completely off the track on the first lap

Australian Gregg Hansford gave chase to Rossi's Morbidelli, but his Kawasaki just couldn't match the pace of the Italian machine and he had to settle for second spot ahead of Patrick Fernandez on his privately owned Yamaha.

After a poor start West German Anton Mang battled through to fourth place but unlucky Randy Mamola, fighting back after his first lap encounter with Rossi, had to pull out when his gearbox began to play up.

Reigning World Champion Kork Ballington (Kawasaki) was fifth home after being last off the grid but those six points were enough to keep him well clear of his rivals in the championship chase.

Belgian privateer Rene Delaby (Yamaha) was looking good for his first ever World Championship points until he was brought down by another rider. Delaby broke a bone in his back in the high-speed fall. •

Results

125cc: 1. P. Bianchi (Min); 2. J. Guignabodet (MG); 3. T. Noblesse (Mor); 4. A. Auinger (Mor); 5. F. Lazzarini (Mor); 6. C. Horton (Mor); 7. B. Smith (MBA); 8. S. Janssen (MBA); 9. G. Marchetti (MBA); Completed 31 laps: 10. J. Wickstom (Mor).

Fastest lap: B. Kneubuhler (Min) 1m 28.8s.

250cc: 1. G. Rossi (Mor-Bieffe); 2. G. Hansford (Kaw); 3. P. Fernandez (Yam); 4. A. Mang (Kaw); 5. K. Ballington (Kaw); 6. C. Estrosi (Kaw); 7. J. Balde (Kaw) Completed 34 laps: 8. R. Freymond (Yam); 9. O. Chevallier (Yam); 10. E. Hyvarinen (Yam).

500cc: 1. B. Sheene (Suz); 2. J. Middelburg (Suz); 3. B. van Dulmen (Suz); 4. K. Roberts (Yam); 5. S. Parrish (Suz); 6. R. Mamola (Yam); 7. M. Luccinell (Suz); 8. I. Takai (Yam); 9. C. Sarron (Yam) Completed 39 laps: 10. S. Rossie (Suz).

RECORD LAP: W. Hartog (Suz) 1m 21.3 s.

Sidecar B2A: 1. Taylor/Johanson (Fowler Yam); 2. Schwarzel/Huber (Yam); 3. Biland/Waltisperg (Yam); 4. Greasley/Perkins (Bus); 5. Streuer/Van der Kaap (Yam); 6. Schauzu/Puzo (Yam); 7. Vanneste/Gerard (Bus) Completed 31 laps; 8. andersson/Nordstrom (Yam); 9. Larsson/Bjergestad (Yam); 10. Brodin/B. Gallios (Yam).

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP POINT STANDINGS:

250cc: 1. K. Ballington (S. Africa, Kaw) 82 pts. 2. G. Hansford (Australia, Kaw) 57; 3. G. Rossi (Italy, Mor) 55; 4. R. Mamola (USA, Yam) 38; 5. P. Fernandez (France, Yam) 35; 6. A. Mang (West Germany, Kaw) 32.

500cc: 1. K. Roberts (USA, Yam) 83 pts; 2. V. Ferrari (Italy, Suz) 81; 3. W. Hartog (Holland Suz) 55; 4. B. Sheene (GB, Suz) 50; 5. F. Uncini (Italy, Suz) 39; 6. B. V. Dulmen (Holland, Suz) 29.

Sidecars (B2A); 1. R. Steinhausen/K. Arthur (W. Germany and GB, Yam) 52 pts; 2. S. Schauzu/L. Puzo (W. Germany, Yam); R. Biland/K. Waltisperg (Switzerland, Yam) 37; 4. D. Greasley/J. Parkins (GB, Yam) 36; 5. J. Taylor/B. Johansson (GB/Sweden, Yam) 31; 6. G. Brodin/B. Gallros (Sweden, Yam) 23.

125cc: 1. A. Nieto (Spain, Min) 105 pts; 2. T. Espie (France, M-B) 48; 3. M. M. Massimiani (Italy, MBA) 35; 4. H. Muller (Switzerland, MBA) and W. Koshcine (West Germany, Delta-Frantic) 25; 6. H. Bartol (Austria, Morbidelli) and G. Bender (W. Germany, Bender) 24.

Roeseler rides with "grass bowl" winners

By Francois Bourret

MONTHELIE, FRANCE, JULY 14-15

It all started last year when Marcel Seurat, French importer for Husqvarna and Ossa, decided to create a 24-hour off-road race. With one motorcycle, four riders and a long track, the format would be a take-off of the famous Bol D'Or for road racing.

The first Bol d'Herbe ("Grass Bowl") was won by a French team of motocrossers on a 390cc Husky. This year's race was broadened to international standing with the participation of several factory teams — Maico, SWM, Fantic, Caviga, Montesa — and some strong importers such as KTM Italy, well-known for their ISDT riders. Husqvarna France had even invited Larry Roeseler to come ride one of their machines for the second time this year. Larry's team included Carlson, a fast, young motocrosser from Sweden, Patrick Drobeck, a French motocrosser, and Robinson, an American living in Sweden.

One of the main attractions of this Bol d'Herbe was created by two Californians, Broc Glover and Donnie Cantaloupi. After innumerable problems and misunderstandings, the French Yamaha importers instead of using the fast California racers in their team, gave them a 400 YZ in a crate two days before the race. Along with the bike, they were also graciously donated two slow French riders. Off to a great start.

The six-mile course looked like a long motocross track with an unusual one-mile straightaway. It crossed a forest and then developed into off-camber turns on the side of a hill. To please the spectators three man-made jumps were added close to the start/finish line. The whole track was rocky and dusty which later created many problems, especially during the night.

Practice began on Friday. During the afternoon, half an hour of practice was timed; the best time receiving pole positions. Broc and Donnie, still waiting for their YZ to be assembled, borrowed a 1977 IT 400 and turned in the best time — 18 seconds in front of the Italian KTM! Their wide-open style impressed everyone.

On Saturday at 4 p.m. with a LeMans style start, the race was underway. Croci, KTM Italy, stole the start with Broc on his tail. During the first lap the nut holding Broc's flywheel loosened, and he had to push the bike for three miles. Twenty minutes later, Donnie was back on the course for what was going to be a fantastic comeback. From 73rd (last) place after the first hour, Broc and Donnie moved up to ninth position in three hours passing everyone on the track. The lead kept changing during that first hour between Mick Andrews (Husky 390) and the Italian KTM 340 team. The Italians finally got the lead and kept it until nightfall when one of the riders fell and broke the engine case, one of the few parts race regulations don't allow to be replaced. Finito for the Italians.

Andrew's team encountered some mechanical problems and left the lead to Larry Roeseler and company. Running like clockwork and keeping pit stops to a minimum, Roeseler's Husky 390 was one lap ahead of everyone at the 4 a.m. halfway mark.

The final blow for the Glover/Cantaloupi Team came with their disqualification. While still in the top 10, Broc's light went dead at the end of pit row. Broc rode back to the pit, safely but against the traffic. An FIM marshall spotted him and decided to disqualify the Californians. ●

Larry Roeseler was part of the winning four-man team. They rode a 390 Husky.

Results

OVERALL: 1. Husqvarna 390 (Drobeck, Roeseler, Carlson, Robinson) 122 laps; 2. Husqvarna 390 (Corroy, Andrews, Vernier, Collot); 3. Husqvarna 390 (Samofal, Theubet, Morales, Huguet); 4. Yamaha 400 YZ (Bacou, Potisek, Olivier, Merel); 5. Montesa 360 (Marsinyack, Bures Carretra, Quesada, Pugdomenech); 6. SWM 280 (Brissoni, Marinoni, Gualdi, Gouverneur); 7. Fantic 125 (Signorelli, Marinoni, Bettoni, Gagni); 8. Husqvarna 240 (Colde, Cole, Neveu, Charles); 9. Maico 440 (Buse, Schutz, Francru, Fura); 10. Caviga 250 (Honnorat, Cornevaux, Vistorky, Gualdi).

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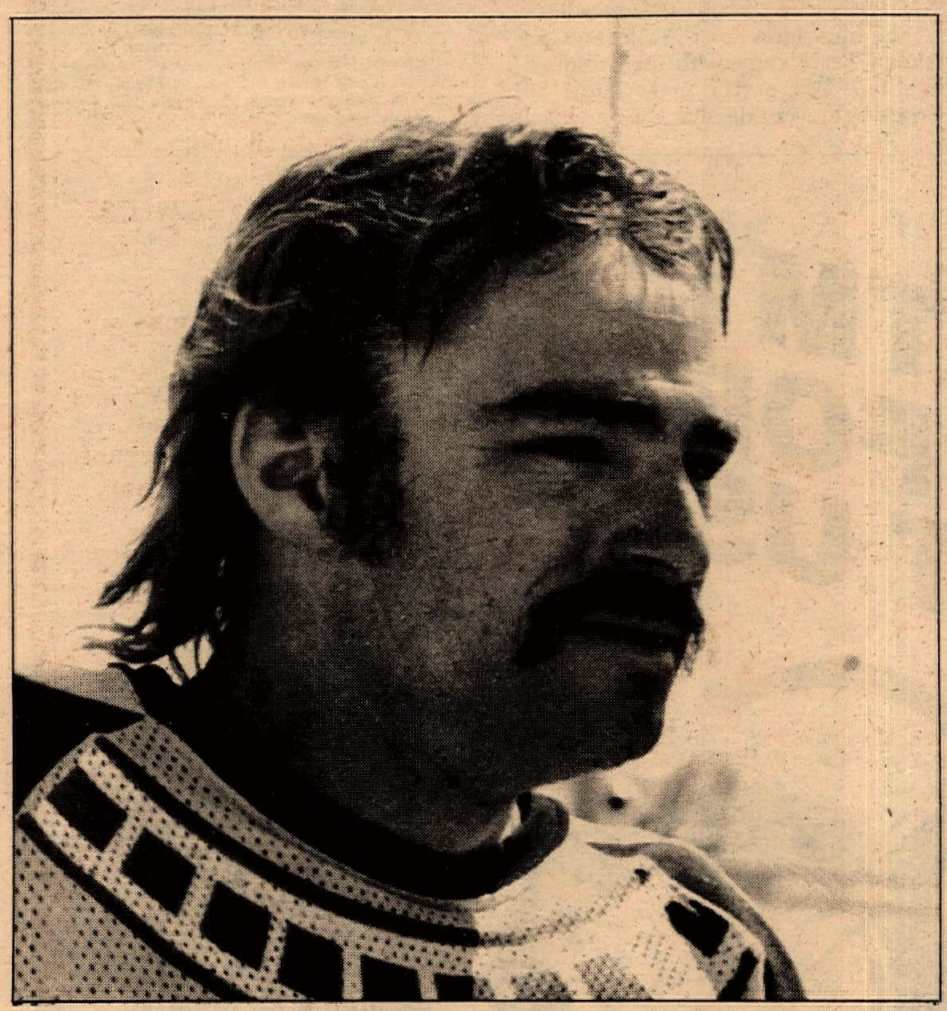
Bob Balentine (above) and Bruce Ogilvie (below) split Heavyweight Expert wins at the Shamrocks' dual European scrambles.



Winners abound in Shamrocks' dual European scrambles

By Joyce May

FREMONT VALLEY, CA, JULY 28-29 With competition spread over two days of racing, it was anybody's win. In the Expert classes, there were only five two-day winners: Trudy Beck (Women's Division), George Zuber (250cc Senior), Morris Norman (Heavyweight Senior), Jim Bringhurst (250cc Veteran) and Lynn McGraw (Heavyweight Veteran).

The Sunland Shamrocks were the hosts for the two-day AMA D-37 European Scrambles and the crowd was fairly large. The schedule of races was the same for both days, except that the racing started at 9 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. on Sunday.

On Saturday evening the big, friendly battle between the Shamrocks and the Four Aces was expected to take place. The Shamrocks started the evening out with a big watermelon feed for everybody. At around 9 p.m. a signal shot of firecrackers heralded a water and melon attack on the Shamrocks. More outsiders than Shamrocks got doused however, because many of the Shamrocks retreated into their campers.

The racing schedule started with the Trailbikes. The ambulance managed to make it for the Saturday start, but arrived 45 minutes after the banner dropped on Sunday.

On Saturday it was Oren Beck who took the Trail Expert win, followed by fast Amateur Bill Mattox, Expert Jeff Robbins and pie plate Amateur Doug Darrow. On the Novice/Beginner side, the lead went from Bobby Charters to Jimmie Fries and finally settled with Novice Scott Sewell, who built up a very big lead over the rest of the pack. Dave Morrison earned the second Novice spot, while Dave Earll and Jim Morrison took first and second Beginner positions.

On Sunday the Trail Expert win went to Checker Cliff Thomas, followed by Expert Oren Beck and Amateur David Wilson, all on Yamahas. Second Amateur went to Scott Sewell, who had won the Novice class the day before.

First Trail Novice went to Chris McDonald while Dave Morrison once again took second. Andy Cossio and Mike Nuse finished 1-2 in the Beginner class.

The second race of each day was the 175cc "C" class, and included the Veteran C class. The dominant machine in the Amateur and Expert C race, by over 75%, was Yamaha.

Expert Charlie Hamill, on his factory Yamaha, prevailed over the Saturday race, but Sled Rider Paul Krause steadily threatened Hamill through the whole race on his Suzuki. Amateur Scott Atchison (Yam) earned third overall, first Amateur. Pete Postel of the Desert Knights rode his Yamaha to finish second Amateur.

The Novices were led by Paul Palmer and Roy Harris while Bob Sherwood and Bryan Statham nabbed the top two Beginner spots.

The Sunday race found Amateur Scott Atchison taking the top honors, with Yamaha-mounted Tom Kelly finishing second without ever seeing the leader after the bomb! The two Yamaha riders who took second and third Amateur were Mike Smith and Tom Elias.

The Sunday Novice win went to Paul Palmer while Prospector Chris Crandall took second. Bryan Statham moved into the top Beginner spot with an excellent lead over Bryon Van.

The 250cc Amateur/Expert race on Saturday was a tight one with Chuck Miller taking the win followed by Mike Eckardt (riding out of Benny Padilla's shop) and Amateur Kenny Upp. Chuck Hermansen earned second Amateur honors.

On the Novice side, two riders for Al Baker's shop, Mike Easley and Greg Johnson, took first and second. First Beginner John Read had a healthy lead over second-place Ray Bowman.

On Sunday, Amateur Kenny Upp overpowered the Experts and took the win with Kem Park and Dan Ashcraft finishing first and second Expert behind him. Recently-transferred Jeff Hylton took home second Amateur honors.

The 250cc Novice win went to Stan Hermoss followed by Brent Needham. Once again, John Read dominated the Beginner class with a big lead over Mike Cantrall.

In the Heavyweight division on Saturday Bob Balentine was caught napping as Bruce Ogilvie took a shorter route to the bomb on the second loop and got past him for the lead. At the checkered it was Yamaha-mounted Ogilvie and then Balentine. Dick Harris and pie plater Myron White finished 1-2 among the Amateurs.

Dan Smith dominated the Heavyweight Novice class, followed by Ken Hansing. First Beginner was Dan Cotton with Dee Phillips taking second.

On Sunday Balentine (KTM) had learned his lesson well as he finished the race with a nice lead. It was Ogilvie's turn to take second. The first Amateur spot was taken by Dick Harris of the Desert Vipers with Heavyweight Steward Bud Wheeler in the second Amateur slot.

The women rode the Novice/Beginner course both races. Trudy Beck earned the win both days but Kelly Kline gave her a run for her money on both occasions, and Kathy Hopkins took a pair of Amateur wins. First Novice on Saturday was Sandy Love followed by Deanna Jenkins. On Sunday they swapped positions. Tricia Farmer and Kim Cain finished first and second in the Beginner class both days.

The Seniors, who rode on the Amateur/Expert course, had a large turnout. The C class saw Gary Charters winning on Saturday ahead of Al Guzman. On Sunday Guzman took over the number one position with Bob Tartter second. First Amateur C on Saturday was Valaro Morris and on Sunday Paul De Latorre.

The 250cc Senior class saw the battle continue (as it has this entire year) with George Zuber taking the first Expert spot followed by an ever-threatening Dick Burley.

First 250cc Senior Amateur honors ent to the "Queen of Clubs" (017x) of the Four Aces followed by Clint Perdue of the Dirtflyers. On Sunday it was Jim Thompson and Ray Williams who reaped the honors.

The Senior Heavyweight class continues to be dominated by Husky rider "Doc" Morris Norman as he tucked two more wins under his belt. Jack Froelich finished second on Saturday while Red Sanders took over that spot on Sunday.

Terrill Cotton and Suzuki Art took the checkered in the first and second Amateur spots on Saturday, while Charlie Goodbar and Al Torkko led the Amateurs on Sunday.

John Logan was the first Novice Senior Heavyweight on Saturday with Lowell Milton taking that spot on Sunday. Neal Johnson took second both days.

The newly formed Veterans class had a fairly good showing with Amateur Jerry Bailey earning top C honors on Saturday and the "amazing" Gary Charters running away with it on Sunday.

The 250cc Vets class top Expert for both days was Jim Bringhurst with Bill Carr taking second overall, first Amateur in both outings. It was the Sodbusters' Tom Mitchell who earned the second Expert spot on Saturday and Ron Guthre of the Los Coyotes on Sunday.

The Veteran Heavyweight winner was problem-plagued Expert Lynn McGraw, who won even with a flat tire. The Amateur win (second overall) went to Jim Morrison both days.

Gary Swindill took the Veteran Novice win on Saturday but relinquished the honors to Dennis Lanski on Sunday. ●

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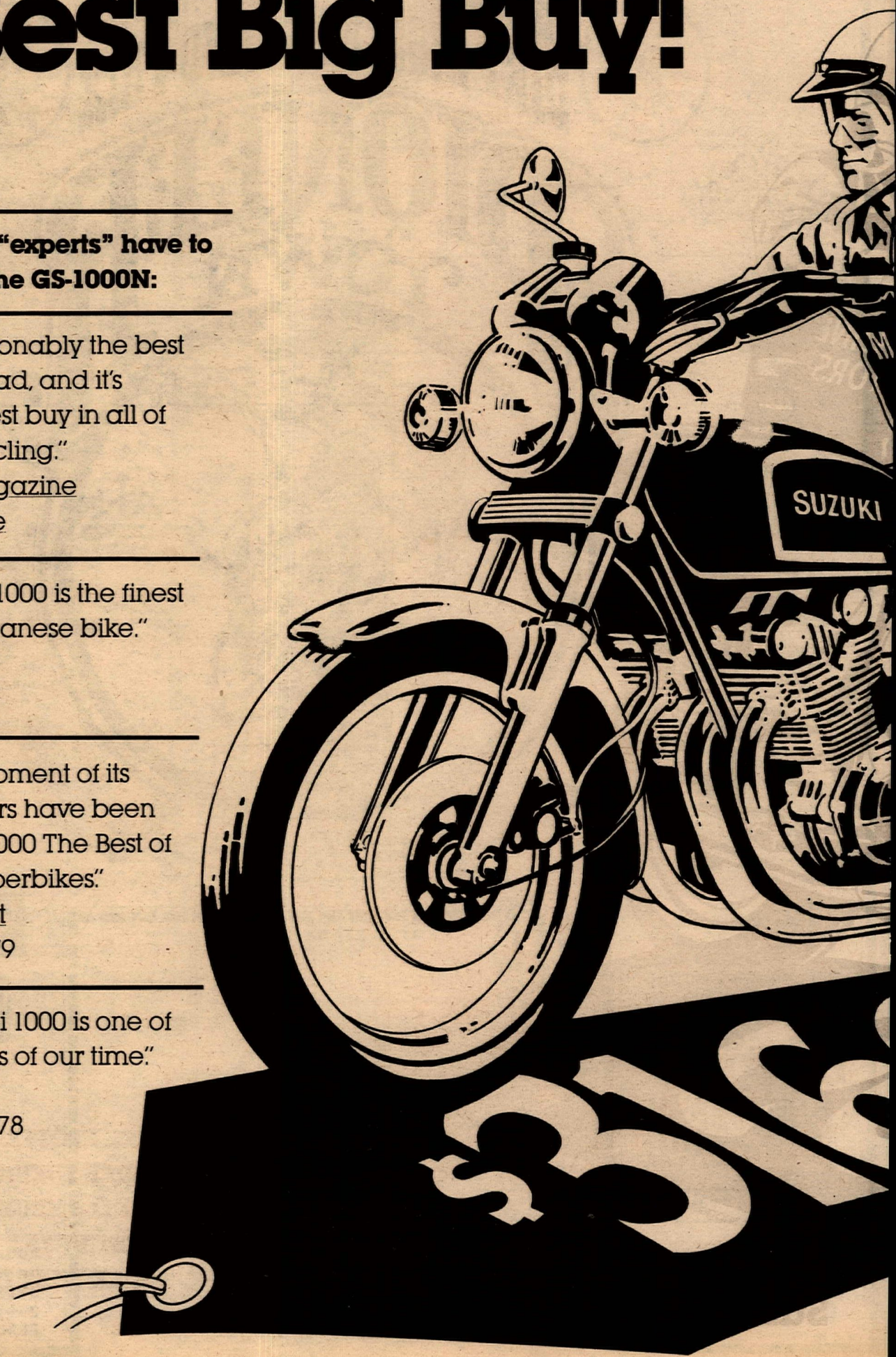

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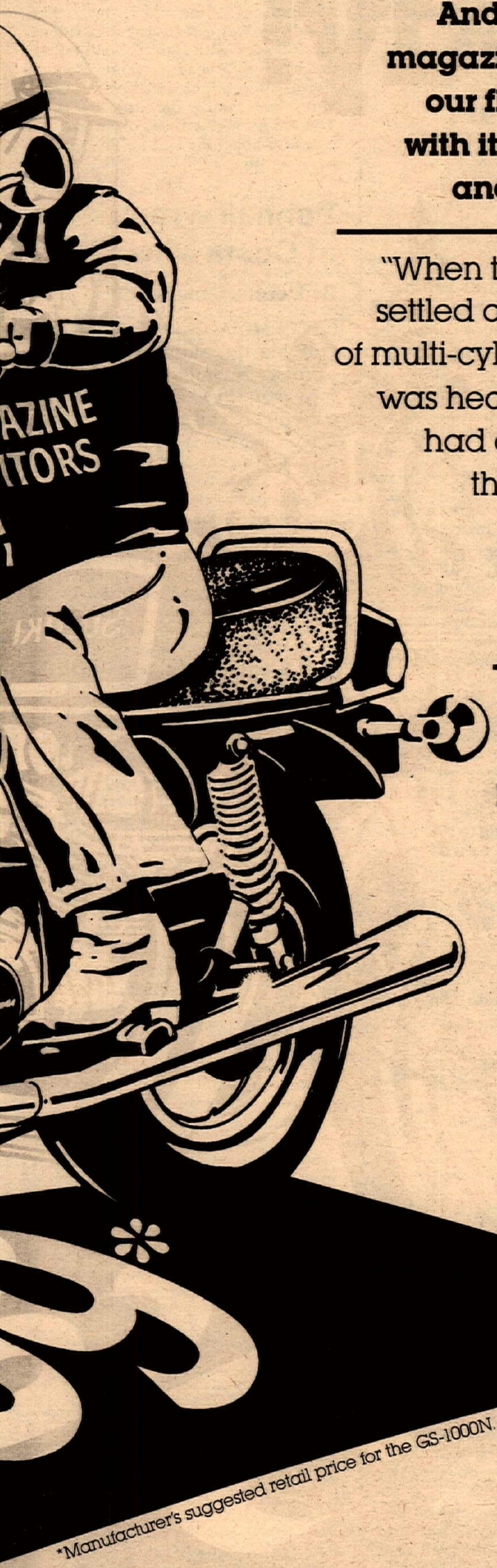

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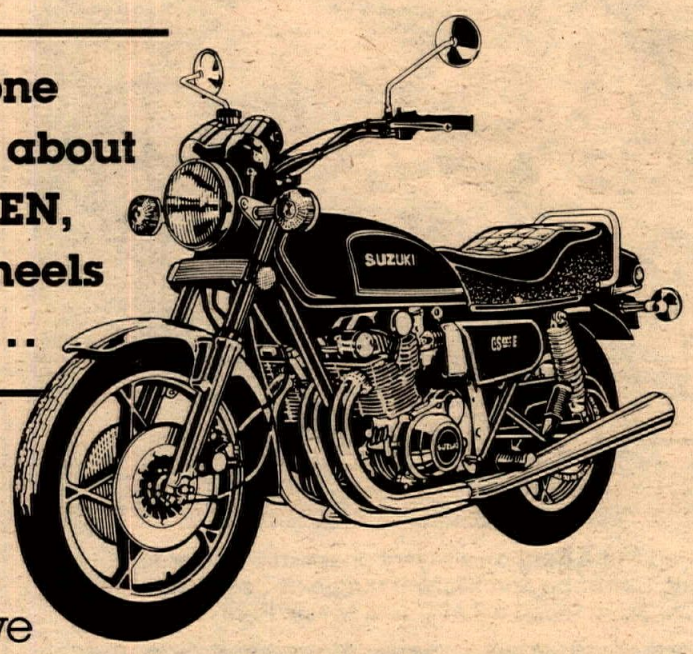

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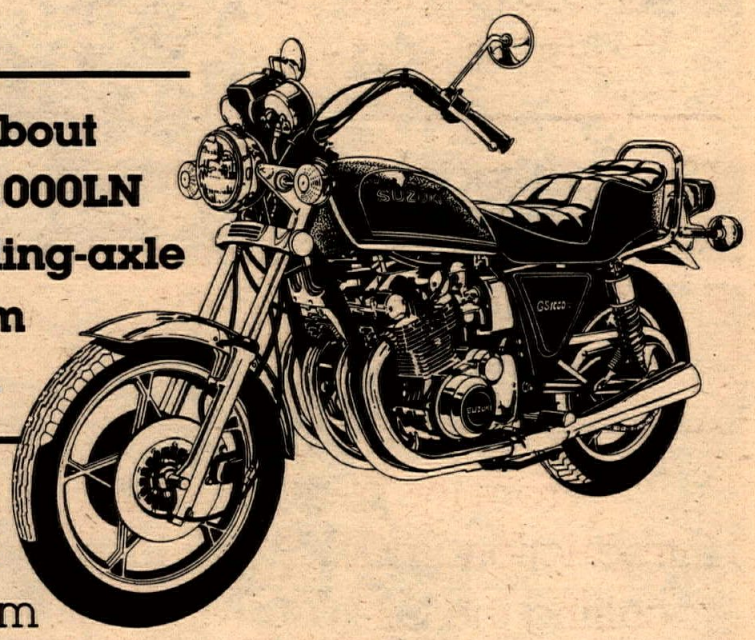

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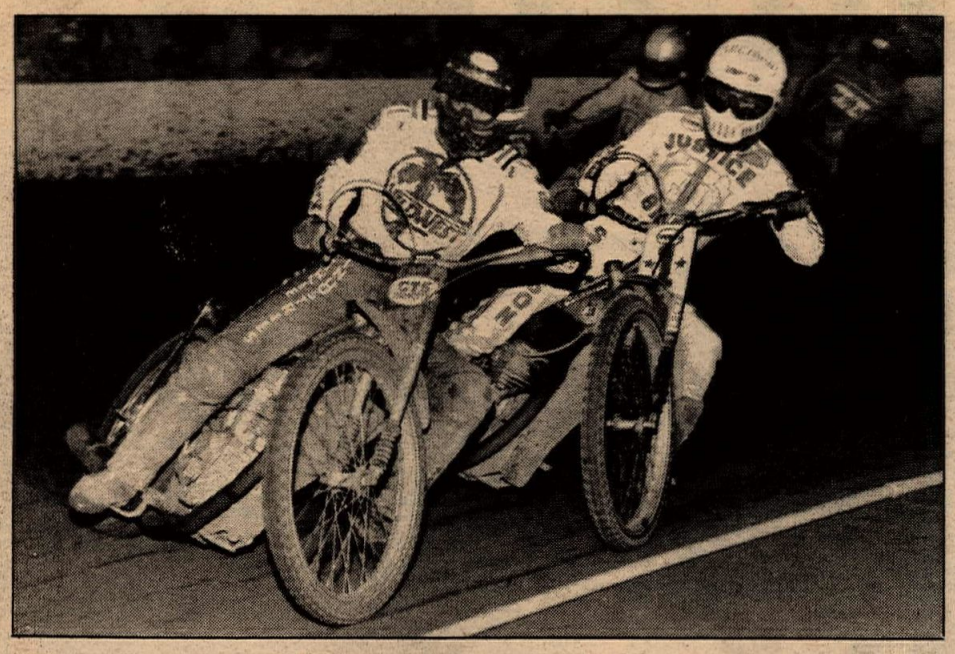

(Above) Bruce Penhall led Mike Bast on a merry chase at San Berdoo. (Below) Muntean, Oxley, Columbo and McNeil tangle at Costa Mesa. (Bottom) Penhall and Christian faced off at Costa Mesa. Penhall won.

Penhall's "vacation" begins

By Dennis Greene

VENTURA, CA, JULY 31

There are a lot of ways to take a vacation. If you are an American racing in England and you come back to the States for a week off, you might think that about the last thing you would want to do is go racing! Not so for Bruce Penhall. He came back for just one week and the first place he went was to the speedway track in Ventura.

Not only did Bruce win the Feature Match Race, he was a one-man show, winning every event he was in, including both Main events. It had been four years since anyone had pulled off a clean sweep, winning every event, but just last month, Alan Christian did it and now Bruce Penhall. Outstanding!

If you are at all interested in Speedway, you must see the remaining four nights of qualifying for the U.S. National title. Round one was held at Cal Expo in Sacramento last Saturday night. The top 32 riders are trying to earn one of 16 spots open for the Championship. Round two will be run at Ventura on Aug. 21, Tuesday night. The next night at San Bernardino will see round three. Twenty-four hours later at Ascot, it's round four, and the last chance to earn a ride will be Friday at Costa Mesa. This will be the most important week in the entire speedway season, four straight nights of only the very best.

Penhall, Miller continue at San Berdoo

By Dennis Greene

SAN BERNARDINO, CA, AUG. 1

Jim Fishback is up and around this week after the crash last week that took him over the wall and out of competition. He's still too sore to race, but he thinks he'll be back next week on this track.

Sitting in the stands, Jim saw some of the fastest laps ever turned at San Bernardino, when vacationing Bruce Penhall jumped into the lead in turn one of the Scratch Main event, leaving Mike Bast in his shadow. By the end of the four laps Alan Christian had moved into second place as Bast slipped into third spot, with Gene Woods working on him, ending up in fourth.

Penhall also beat Mike Bast in the Feature Match race, much to the delight of the standing-room-only crowd.

Last week at Costa Mesa, Dave Miller got a shot at Division One and went on to win the Handicap Main Event. This week he got to fill in for Dave Sims in Division One and, you guessed it, he ran away with the Handicap Main Event.

With Miller now getting to ride with the top guns, a look at the top riders in Division Two brings up the name of Keith Larsen. Keith has five wins in his class and does ride in First Division at Ascot and, hopefully, will get a shot before this season runs out.

Division Three honors went to Tom Hughes, his second, and he was so sure of his win that he brought along his own trophy girl!

Bast, McNeill share Ascot laurels

By Dennis Greene

GARDENA, CA, AUG. 2

It was win number eight — his fourth straight — as Mike Bast took the checkered flag in the Scratch Main event with a tremendous lead over John Cook and Shawn Moran, both on the two-valve Jawas owned by Collins Automotive.

Bruce Penhall was not in that Scratch Main, much to everyone's disappointment. He just did not earn a transfer. It would have been great to see if Bruce could have gotten the best of Bast, matching Bob Schwartz's win back at the first of the season when he was here on vacation.

Penhall did best Bast in the Feature Match race, but the young vacationing superstar had a rough night all the way around. He had earned his way into the Handicap Main Event all the way from the 60-yard line and was well on his way to victory when a pileup in turn one caused him to lay it down to keep from running over two fallen riders, Shawn Moran and Shawn McConnell.

The race was stopped and of the three, Moran was the only one to get back in time for the restart. Penhall and McConnell were left on the sidelines as time ran out. The Handicap Main, with just four riders, was still good with Dan McNeill taking the win just ahead of Tony Briggs. Shawn Moran got third with Kirby Shropshire taking the wrap-up spot. The win for McNeill was his first of the year and hopefully will be the turning point for him.

Penhall wraps it up at Costa Mesa

By Dennis Greene

COSTA MESA, CA, AUG. 3

One big question on the minds of many is could Bruce Penhall have won the U.S. title if he had stayed here this year to ride?

With the show he put on this past week, beating the best we have, I'd say he had a pretty good shot at it.

In the one week that Bruce was here on vacation, he beat Mike Bast in both a Feature Match Race and a couple of Scratch Main events. Alan Christian met the same fate. Gene Woods, Dave Sims, Tony Briggs and dozens of others who have won Scratch Mains this year could not hold Bruce back.

On his final night of speedway in the U.S., Bruce beat Alan Christian in the Feature Match race and earned a ride in both main events.

Bruce won the Scratch Main after trailing the first lap when Mike Muntean and Larry Kosta got the jump on Alan Christian and Penhall. Alan tried a big sweep in turn three of the first lap and went down. He got right back up, but could not make up the lost ground.

Tom Burba, a last minute write-in rider, went to the limit in the Handicap Main, earning his first main event win of the season. In fact, every winner this past Friday night picked up his first win at Costa Mesa. Penhall in the Scratch, Burba in the Handicap, Wes Randolph in the Division Two Main, and newcomer John Pavano the Division Three Main.

Wes Randolph, the Division Two Main Event winner, is one more of the guys who came up through the Jr. Speedway program. He proved himself to be a good rider, but like several others, has had to sit around waiting to get a ride because there are many more riders than there are openings on the program.

On the international scene, Kelly Moran of the United States finished very well in the recent qualifier for the World Final. This means we will be seeing Kelly in the World Final later this year. ●

Results

SAN BERNARDINO, 8/1/79
SCRATCH MAIN: 1. Bruce Penhall; 2. Alan Christian; 3. Mike Bast; 4. Gene Woods.
HANDICAP MAIN: 1. Dave Miller; 2. Stan Flanders; 3. Dennis Stewart; 4. Craig Schaefer; 5. Dave DeTemple; 6. Gene Woods.
DIVISION TWO: Keith Larsen.
DIVISION THREE: Tom Hughes.

ASCOT, 8/2/79
SCRATCH MAIN: 1. Mike Bast; 2. John Cook; 3. Shawn Moran; 4. Dan McNeill.
HANDICAP MAIN: 1. Dan McNeill; 2. Tony Briggs; 3. Shawn Moran; 4. Kirby Shropshire; 5. Bruce Penhall; 6. Shawn McConnell.
DIVISION TWO: Kris Remsgar.

COSTA MESA, 8/3/79
SCRATCH MAIN: 1. Bruce Penhall; 2. Larry Kosta; 3. Mike Muntean; 4. Alan Christian.
HANDICAP MAIN: 1. Tom Burba; 2. Mark Marriott; 3. Brad Oxley; 4. Dave Sims; 5. Bruce Penhall; 6. Joe Meylor.
DIVISION TWO: Wes Randolph.
DIVISION THREE: John Pavano.

Fast Facts

Scott Scherb

Mini ST & TT

Name/nickname: **Scott Allen Scherb/ Scottie.**

Date/place of birth: **April 26, 1968/ Dallas, TX.**

Height/weight: **4'8"/80 lb.**

Girlfriend/wife's name: **Huh?**

Current residence; **San Antonio, TX.**

Occupation: **Student, sixth grade.**

Hobbies/relaxation: **Work at Sonic Hamburger Drive-ins as a clown on a unicycle.**

Van/car: **1977 skateboard.**

Favorite food/drink: **Dr. Pepper/Sonic Hamburgers.**

First interest in bikes: **Six years old.**

First bike: **Honda 50cc two-stroke.**

First race: **Short track.**

Outcome of that race: **First place.**

Most recent win: **AMA 1978-79 65cc National scrambles; second in 85cc short track.**

Sizes/makes of current racing bikes: **65cc, 85cc and 100cc Yamaha, 125cc and 200cc Honda.**

Sponsors: **Father, Carter Yamaha in Dallas.**

Tuner: **Elmer Morgan.**

Biggest gripe about racing: **Not enough races around.**

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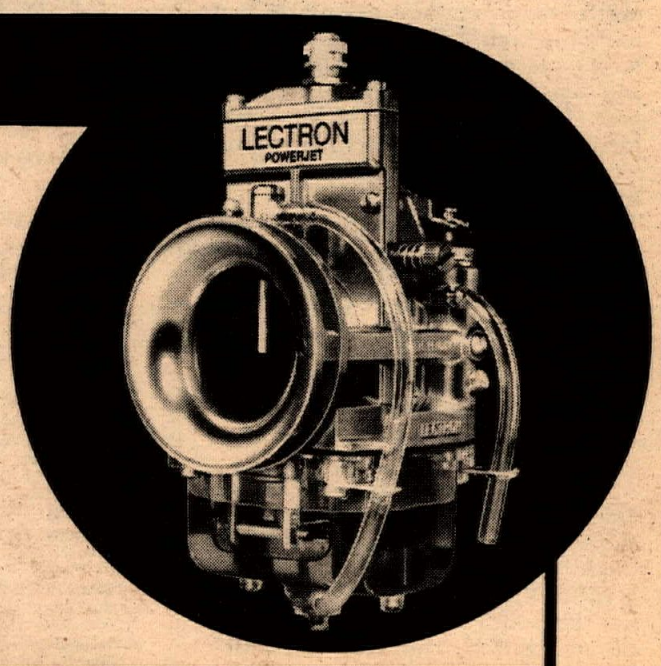

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Bob Elliott took two class wins at CMC Saddleback.

Elliott ends dry spell at CMC Saddleback

By Mike Klinger

ORANGE, CA, JULY 29

U.S. Suzuki's Research and Development rider and the Suzuki School of Motocross instructor Bob Elliott turned in fine racing by winning the 125 and 250cc Pro classes in Continental Moto-sports Club MX racing at Saddleback. This was Elliott's first overall victory on a 125cc at CMC in over five years.

Yamaha support rider and Tahiti flash Rick Johnson turned in a good performance in the first 125cc Pro moto. He grabbed the lead, closely followed by Elliott and Craig Dale (Suz). On lap two, Dale snuck inside of Elliott and now pursued Johnson at full force. For three laps, Dale was within one bikelength of Johnson until Dale was reluctant to come out of the north section of the track. Dale had bailed which left Elliott now the second place runner. Rick Maki (Yam) and Tim Lunde (Yam) were neck and neck for third but Maki hung on. Johnson won decisively, Elliott was second than Maki, Lunde and Ron Blanton (Hon).

In moto two, it looked as if Johnson was going to make it a perfect day. He was in the lead with Elliott and Maki again close on is tail. On lap three, Johnson disappeared. He was out when the Yamaha's frame snapped in half on the downtube in front of the exhaust port. Elliott now had a chance for a 2-1 finish and first overall if he could outlast the hot pursuit of Maki. At the end of the 14-lap event, Elliott did win and won overall also. Maki gained second overall and Lunde was third.

In the 250 Pros, Marty Miller (Suz) was the front runner in moto one with Lunde, Elliott and Arden Hadley (Mai) bringing up the other top positions. Lunde and Elliott were side by side in a heated battle, which pushed Lunde ahead of Miller. On lap seven, Elliott gained second and now Hadley was knocking at Miller's door. As the laps wound down, Elliott passed Lunde on the south downhill to go on to win moto one. Lunde was second ahead of Hadley and Miller.

Moto two was just another success story for Elliott. After sitting in the blazing heat of the pits and sucking on a bottle of honey, he went out for his fourth moto that day and blew away the other 250cc Pros. Elliott won by half a lap over Miller. This gave Elliott the overall victory in his second class. Lunde sported a 2-3 day for second overall and Miller was third.

In the Open class, Maico-mounted Mark Brooks turned in two good moto rides to outlast 13 other Open Pros. In moto one Andy Jannings (Mai) had the lead but Brooks spoiled that on lap two. Rick Maki (Suz) brought out his big bore and chased Brooks and Jannings. Brooks went on to win with Maki slipping past Jannings for second.

In moto two, the story was slightly different. The characters were the same though their standing were different. But after all the dust had cleared, Brooks came out on top with Jannings second then Maki and Tibor Papp (Mai) was fourth.

Results

MINI JR: 1. J. McManus (Suz); 2. R. Rundle (Yam); 3. T. Barba (Yam).
MINI INT: 1. J. Faure (Kaw).
MINI INT: 1. C. Swift (Suz); 2. R. Sands (Suz).
100cc JR: 1. K. Wethrington (Suz); 2. R. Arisman (Yam); 3. M. VanCamp (Suz).
100cc INT: 1. T. Tetone (Suz); 2. S. Graham (Yam); 3. D. Crigler (Suz).
125cc JR: 1. R. Yetto (Suz); 2. L. Thomas (Yam); 3. H. Wright (Suz).
250cc JR: 1. T. Martinet (Hon); 2. B. Foes (Yam); 3. D. DeYoung (Mai).
500cc JR: 1. W. Beebe (Suz); 2. K. Leybourne (Hus); 3. D. Rand (Yam).
125cc INT: 1. D. Dubach (Yam); 2. S. Prior (Suz); 3. R. Nielsen (Kaw).
250cc INT: 1. K. Duffy (Yam); 2. J. Lysdale (Hon); 3. D. Pettigrew (Mai).
500cc INT: 1. T. Thomas (Yam); 2. F. Tidwell (Mai); 3. D. Ohl (Suz).
125cc PRO: 1. B. Elliott (Suz); 2. R. Maki (Yam); 3. T. Lunde (Yam).
250cc PRO: 1. B. Elliott (Suz); 2. T. Lunde (Yam); 3. M. Miller (Suz).
500cc PRO: 1. M. Brooks (Mai); 2. A. Jannings (Mai); 3. R. Maki (Yam).

Jim Gibson gasses it underneath another rider on his way to an SSM win.

Lawrence, Gibson, Rhyan roost SSM MX

By Terry Whytal

ORANGE, CA, JULY 28

Maico rider Steve Rhyan edged out Anaheim Suzuki's Scott Cavness for the overall Open Pro win at this week's SSM MX. Cavness won the first moto ahead of Rhyan but the tables were turned for the second race and Rhyan took the checkers first.

Grabbing the early lead in the first moto was Ed Arnet (KTM) followed by Yamaha-mounted Jim Tarantino and Cavness. Rhyan completed lap one in fourth place and Bill Hagen had his Maico in fifth. For three laps the positions stayed the same but Cavness found a way around Tarantino to move into second and pressure Arnet. Arnet was riding very well and it took Cavness five laps to find a way into the lead. Tarantino DNF and Rhyan moved into third, only to fall and remount far downfield. Rhyan quickly began regaining places and moved back into third in a few laps. Arnet repassed Cavness and then Cavness returned the favor a few laps later. With a tremendous charge, Rhyan moved up onto Arnet's rear wheel and with the end in sight, took over second to finish just behind Cavness.

Rhyan must have figured there was an easier way and promptly grabbed the lead at the start of the second moto. Cavness held down second ahead of Arnet and Husky rider Brent Wallingsford. The front three riders were staying very close as they worked their way around a surprisingly tacky Saddleback course. Halfway through the race Rhyan began to open up a little breathing room as Cavness and Arnet seemed to tire. Rhyan just motored to the finish from there and Cavness kept second away from Arnet. Hagen finished fourth and Wallingsford fifth, but the overall went to Rhyan ahead of Cavness and Arnet.

In the 125cc Pro class, Team Honda's Jim Gibson did his usual runaway with the race in both motos, keeping the challengers far behind.

Results

OPEN PRO: 1. Steve Rhyan (Mai); 2. Scott Cavness (Suz); 3. Ed Arnet (KTM).
250 PRO: 1. Mark Lawrence (Yam); 2. Robert Reisinger (Kaw); 3. Greg Robertson (Mai).
125 PRO: 1. Jim Gibson (Hon); 2. Craig Dale (Suz); 3. Andy Kirker (Yam).
OPEN INT: 1. Mike Hudson (Suz); 2. Jim Beltinck (Mai); 3. Frank Said (Mai).
250 INT: 1. Dennis Ramsey (Yam); 2. Jeff Eaton (Mai); 3. Mike Godfrey (Mai).
125 INT: 1. Rik Nielsen (Kaw); 2. Jose Hernandez (Kaw); 3. Foster Edwards (Yam).
OPEN JR: 1. Brad Thompson (Mai); 2. John Larson (Suz); 3. Jeff Francis (Hus).
250 JR: 1. Darryl Bowles (Hus); 2. Jon Nichols (Suz); 3. Mark Johnson (Yam).
125 JR: 1. Clay Lawrence (Yam); 2. Chris Bateau (Suz); 3. Mark Surton (Yam).
250 BEG 1. John Raython (Hon); 2. Steve Beauchamp (Yam); 3. Scott Myers (Yam).
125 BEG: 1. Ken Mayes (Yam); 2. Bob Johnson (Suz); 3. Curt Martin (Yam).
WOMEN: 1. Debbie Mathews (Yam); 2. Pauline Pitt (Mai); 3. Myriam Kirbey (Yam).

Lounsbury, Coon score at Speedway 117 MX

By Rod Eschenburg

CHULA VISTA, CA, JULY 25

Ron Lounsbury (Yam) came back from a distant third place finish in the first moto of the 250cc Intermediates to squeak out a close tie-breaker second moto win over Peter Sampo. Actually, it was co-point leader Mark Seymour who could have spoiled it all for Lounsbury because he was right with Lounsbury all the way in the second moto after a dismal fourth in the first round. The second overall placing by Sampo moved him into a two-point lead over Seymour in one of the tightest of the 1979 class point races.

In the 125cc Intermediates, a surprise winner in the form of Ken Coon popped up at the checkered flag in the second moto. The first moto saw "Wailin' Woody" Carlson come back from a very hard endo in practice to take a wire to wire win over Coon, who came from fifth to second in the last two laps. In the second moto Carlson once again blasted to the lead with Kevin Graves in second and Coon in third, but on the second lap Woody's Kawasaki gave up — apparently problems from the practice crash — and it was then Graves in a tie-breaker over Coon! Then, the very next lap, Graves overcooked it and went down and it was Coon all the way. Graves managed to get back up immediately, however, and came back for second overall.

Clint Hardick's two for two go in the 250cc Pros was exciting for only one lap in the second moto, since Hardick flat ran away with the first moto. In the second round, however, Kirk Grissom jumped into an early lead, but could only hold it for a lap as

Hardick put one of his patented "Super Moves" on and it was all over. Hardick's win moved him into a tie in the point battle with Grissom in the 250s. In 125cc Pro action it was all Scott Meyer in both motos over new Pro Tim Theodore.

Top Junior race of the night was Kevin Thompson's 250cc win over a 20-rider field. It was Thompson's first win, and it came off a 4-1 tie-breaker effort over a returning-to-action Todd Ekeroth who had had a 3-2 effort.

With everybody now getting the word, the ATC riders were out in large numbers with the little 70cc Stockers stealing the show as CMC Pro riders Rick Johnson and Bryon Antonacci plus CMC Mini Expert star Kenny Dunlap lined up along with undefeated Larry Hageman, Jr.! When everything had settled down after two "blanket" motos, Antonacci emerged a tie-breaker victor over Hageman with a banzai run right at the checkered, and Johnson was just a tad back for third in another tie-breaker over Kenny Dunlap.

Results

MOTOCROSS CLASSES

250 PROS: 1. Clint Hardick (Mai); 2. Kirk Grissom (Hon); 3. Bryon Maloney (Hon).

125 PROS: 1. Scott Meyer (Suz); 2. Tim Theodore (Suz).

500 INT: 1. Tom Nimtz (Yam); 2. Jessie Santiago (Yam); 3. H.J. Rinard (Yam).

250 INT: 1. Ron Lounsbury (Yam); 2. Pete Sampo (Suz); 3. Mark Seymour (Hon).

125 INT: 1. Ken Coon (Yam); 2. Kevin Graves (Suz); 3. Jack Lewis (Suz).

500 JR: 1. Bob Tuttle (Suz); 2. Harrold Rhodes (Mai).

250 JR: 1. Kevin Thompson (Yam); 2. Todd Ekeroth (Yam); 3. Ron Laffranchi (Hon).

125 JR DIV 1: 1. Mike Parmeler (Yam); 2. Manny Leon (Suz); 3. Dale Snaith (Suz).

125 JR DIV 2: 1. Mike Grove (Kaw); 2. Kurt Fryling (Yam); 3. Mike Monsegur (Suz).

WOMEN'S OPEN: 1. Susan Brennan (Mai); 2. Glenna Canaris (Yam).

MINI INT: 1. Terry Murray (Suz); 2. David Crowson (Suz); 3. Ronnie Seymour (Suz).

MINI JR: 1. John Phillips (Kaw); 2. John Conney (Yam); 3. Kevin Henderson (Suz).

ATC CLASSES

WOMEN'S 90-130cc: 1. Brenda Fox; 2. Kathy Hernandez; 3. Lisa Lippincott.

WOMEN'S OPEN: 1. Robin Davis; 2. Vicki Shipman.

70cc STOCK: 1. Bryon Antonacci; 2. Larry Hageman; 3. Rick Johnson.

90cc STOCK: 1. Rod Krueger; 2. Mike Oliver; 3. Marshall Thompson.

91-112cc MOD: 1. Ken Stroud; 2. Craig Berendez; 3. Tom Eaton.

113-132cc MOD: 1. Davis Mueller; 2. Tom Gajan; 3. Steve Wright.

OPEN: 1. Dean Sundahl; 2. Mark Weixelderfer; 3. Ace Williams.

ODYSSEY: 1. Bill Sedgewick; 2. Jim Seeley.

Rhyan roars to CMC Carlsbad win

By Mark Kariya

CARLSBAD, CA, JULY 22

Smoothness, consistency and a good measure of luck proved to be the winning combination in the Continental Moto-sports Club's motocross here.

In the 500cc Pros, Steve Rhyan, in one of his first rides aboard a 450 Maico, ran quickly and consistently enough to lead each lap of the first moto. Arden Hadley (Mai) had the handle on second until lap 11 when Chip Howell (Hus) zapped him off the ledge. Chris Chaffee (Yam) and Peter Wanket (Yam) followed them home.

Moto two saw Lee Ramage (Mai) muscle his way out of a tightly-bunched first turn to lead the pack for a lap. Rhyan picked it up after that and, learning more about his new mount with each lap, matched his first moto score for the win.

Wanket, wearing a special brace on his much broken leg, rode to a strong second, urged on, no doubt, by members of the Wanket Fan Club. It earned him third overall.

Howell got the runner-up with third place ahead of Ramage and Alan

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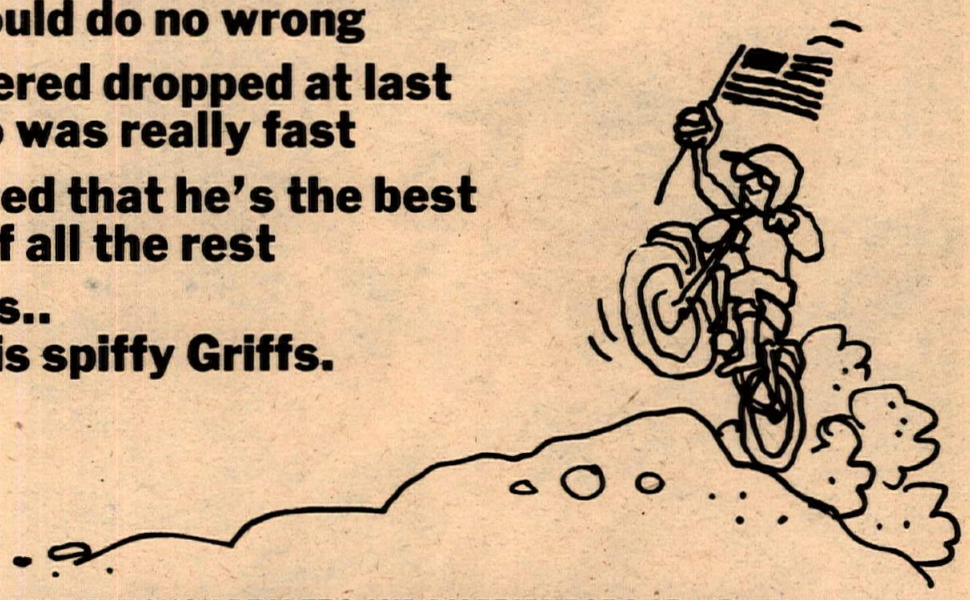

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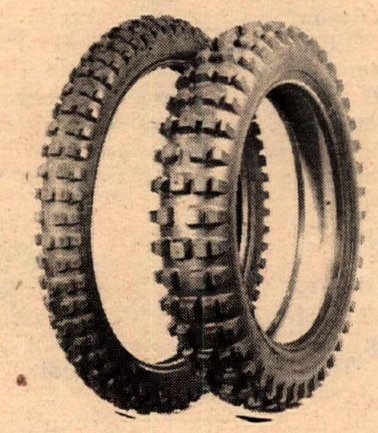

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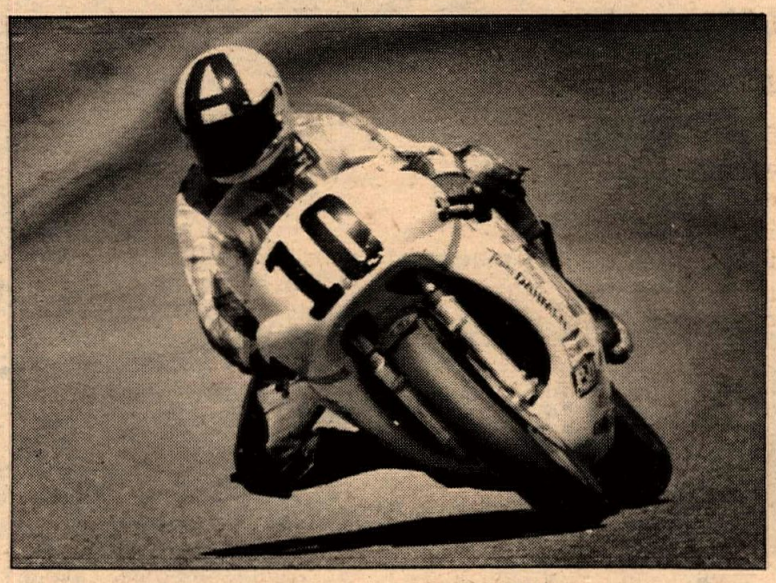

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Steve Rhyan piloted his new Maico to the CMC Carlsbad Open Pro victory.

Smith (Hus) whose rear brake broke both motos.

Chaffee and Hadley played tag in the first 250cc Pro moto with Chaffee coming out on top. Marty Miller (Suz) cruised in third while Randy Rodriguez (Mai) switched places with Bryan Maloney (Hon) on the last lap for fourth.

Tim Lunde (Yam) grabbed the holeshot in moto two. Going into the turn at the bottom of the downhill, though, Hadley outbraked him and eased into a lead he didn't relinquish the remainder of the moto.

Chaffee, who, like Hadley, had passed up the second 500cc moto to save it all for the second 250cc race, started out third. He moved up to second on lap two and was closing on Hadley when he slid out under the bridge on the uphill on lap three, damaging his throttle cable enough to drop him from the race.

Miller took his spot and held it for the duration. Burt Wald (Hon), back from a broken arm suffered here a couple of months ago, had one of his best rides to finish third, putting him in fourth overall. Rodriguez, one slot back, took third place bucks.

A "No Luck of the Day" award would have to go to Suzuki's Bob Elliott. While running as high as third in the first 250cc moto, he got off twice, the second time putting him out.

In the first 125cc race, he flew out of the gate and looked like a sure winner, building upon his lead every lap. Four laps from the checkered, though, his chain decided to throw a fit while he was 35 seconds ahead of Rick Johnson (Yam). It lasted but a single lap more before forcing him out of the race.

Following Johnson in were Lunde, Scott Burnworth (Suz) and Rick Maki (Yam). Burnworth had been slowed about mid-race with rear brake problems.

Moto two saw Lunde out of turn one first. That first lap proved to be a place-swapper, though, and by its completion, Burnworth, Don Fuller (Suz) and Johnson had snapped up the win, place and show spots.

Johnson got by Fuller on lap two, but try as he might, couldn't quite catch Burnworth. His 1-2 finishes still got him the overall win, worth an extra $50 courtesy of Escondido Subaru.

Maki charged by Fuller late in the race for fourth while Juan Benavidez (Yam) came up fifth.

Results

MINI JR: 1. Jim McManus (Suz); 2. Aron Baker (Esc); 3. Todd Hewatt (Yam).
MINI INT: 1. Jon Faure (KX).
MINI EX: 1. Richard Sands (R&D).
100 JR: 1. Kevin Wetherington (Suz).
500 PRO: 1. Steve Rhyan (Mai); 2. Chip Howell (Hus); 3. Peter Wanket (Yam).
500 INT: 1. Elmar Kruza (Hus); 2. Jerry Corley (Hus); 3. Randy Norman (Yam).
500 JR: 1. Pete Eunice (Hon); 2. Bob Tuttle (Suz); 3. Ken Leybourne (Hus).
250 PRO: 1. Arden Hadley (Mai); 2. Marty Miller (Suz); 3. Randy Rodriguez (Mai).
250 INT: 1. Jerry Benson (Hon); 2. Greg Wilson (Hon); 3. Steve Gordenker (Hon).
250 JR: 1. Tommy Hodgin (Suz); 2. Eric Mullennix (Hon); 3. Ken Erb (Yam).
125 PRO: 1. Rick Johnson (Yam); 2. Scott Burnworth (Suz); 3. Rick Maki (Yam).
125 INT: 1. Eric Baker (Esc); 2. Ron Hume (Suz); 3. Dean Gurholt (Esc).
125 JR DIV 1: 1. Lloyd Thomas (Yam); 2. Randy Yetto (Suz); 3. Mike Wilkinson (Suz).
125 JR DIV 2: 1. Manny Leon (Suz); 2. Brian Thomas (Kaw); 3. Chris Prile (Suz).

Eddie Michetti leads David Hopkins (B2) at DeAnza.

Hopkins doubles at DeAnza MX

By Ron Lawson

SUNNYMEAD, CA, JULY 22

It was once again time for the quarterly high point trophies to be given away at DeAnza Cycle Park. This time there was a tie in the Mini class between Leonard Robertson and Jimmy Palmer and so promoter Ed Michetti gave each one of them one of the monster trophies. The Vets class had a runaway winner in Ron Brehm and in the regular group it was last quarter's narrow miss, Pat Taylor, taking the brass. The Pee Wees were not forgotten either although the award was bigger than most of the contestants. Mike Michetti was the young man on top of that class.

After the presentation it was race time and the 250cc Pros were ready to go. Don Griewe (Kaw) blasted out of the hole on top with Clint Tarvin (Hon) and Eddie Michetti (Mai) in tow. David Hopkins and his Redlands Suzuki went around the track in the middle of the pack for a couple of laps, but it wasn't long before he was in third behind Griewe and Tarvin. Tarvin was pushing the leader hard, however, and the two of them had already built up quite a cushion, making it a difficult task for Hopkins to move up any farther. But soon Tarvin began to feel the effects of the blazing sun and his pace slacked off considerably. Hopkins gobbled up the distance in no time and took over second place where he finished behind Griewe.

The start of round two was a replay of the first with Griewe and Tarvin up front. Once again Hopkins cut his way up to second while Griewe disappeared with the lead, but this time Hopkins had a little luck on his side. Griewe's Kawasaki was taking a beating off of DeAnza's jumps and the forks couldn't quite take it. They slowly started to bend out and soon Griewe had his hands full just staying on top of the enlongated machine. Hopkins wheelied past him on the 10th lap and took the win. Overall it was Hopkins, Griewe, Bob Stephenson (Suz), Tarvin and M. Smith (Yam).

In the Open Pro class Hopkins did it again. Jim Lowe and his Honda four stroker followed him in round one and came dangerously close in the second race when Hopkins' Suzuki busted a clutch spring and broke a big hole in the side of its motor. Somehow he managed to keep his wounded machine together to finish first again with Lowe, Rob Tolleson (Yam) and Dan Paulson (Suz) following.

Craig Gormley was back to his old self in the 125cc Pro class, piloting his Indio Suzuki RM125 to two wins over Jim Sendelback (Suz) and Randy Adams (Hon).

Results

PEE WEE: 1. Kimberly Robertson (Suz); 2. Mark Hoopingarner (Suz).
PEE WEE: 1. Darren Hoopingarner (Kaw); 2. Mike Michetti (Hon).
MINI BEG: 1. Mike Thompson (Kaw); 2. Todd Hooper (Yam); 3. Lance Hopton (Yam).
MINI NOV: 1. Scott Brown (Kaw); 2. Leonard Robertson (Suz); 3. Jim Palmer (Yam).
125 BEG: 1. Kevin Tleiss (Suz); 2. Rick Anderson (Yam); 3. Jason Aparicio (Suz).
125 NOV: 1. Robert Tello (Suz); 2. Frank Raduziner (Suz); 3. Scott Edmonds (Yam).
125 INT: 1. Kenny Trask (Kaw); 2. Tony Camarena (Hon).
125 EX: 1. Craig Gormley (Suz); 2. Jim Sendelback (Suz); 3. Randy Adams (Hon).
250 BEG: 1. Rod Ogan (Suz); 2. Jim Mobley (Yam); 3. John Soto (Yam).
250 NOV: 1. Ken Miller (Yam); 2. Darryl Bowles (Hus); 3. Bob Carpenter (Yam).
250 INT: 1. Greg Zitterkopf (Mai); 2. Kelly McGuire (Suz); 3. Mark Branch (Suz).
250 EX: 1. David Hopkins (Suz); 2. Don Griewe (Kaw); 3. Bob Stephenson (Suz).
OPEN BEG: 1. Steve Ash (Yam); 2. Ervin Lyskawa (Bul); 3. Ronald Lingo (Yam).
OPEN NOV: 1. Perry Ziino (Yam); 2. Ken Kaney (Yam); 3. Glen Linnet (-).
OPEN EX: 1. David Hopkins (Suz); 2. Jim Lowe (Hon); 3. Rob Tolleson (Yam).

AME wraps up Summer Series

By Laura Richard

VALENCIA, CA, JULY 20

Tonight brought a close to the annual American Motocross Enterprises Summer Series, held at Indian Dunes each summer. AME would like to thank all of the sponsors and the riders that participated in this series.

Cole Bros. Maico rider Hal Strauss put together the overall win in the Open Pro class as Darren Oliver (Yam) settled for second and third went to Andy Jannings (Mai).

Yamaha Support rider Jim Holley grabbed the overall win in the 125cc Pro class with a 3-1 finish while second went to another Yamaha Support rider, Tim Locey, with a 2-2 tally and third went to Suzuki rider Jim Simons (5-3).

Some of the top winners in the series far as the Pros went were Andy Jannings, who took the Open and the 250cc prizes — money awarded by Works Performance Shocks. Bob Kline took the 125cc Pro class, also using Works Performance Shocks, Electro Helmets also put up some bucks for the riders and some of the winners were Tim Locey, Ken Zahrt, Hal Strauss, Willie Simons, Bob Kline, Jim Holley, Mike Shoemaker, and Joe Root. Plus all the sportsman winners, who are so numerous it would be hard to mention all of them. I'm sure everyone is looking forward to the next series put on by the American Motocross Enterprises.

Results

250 PROS: 1. Tim Locey (Yam); 2. Mike Shoemaker (Yam); 3. Scott Morgan (Hon).
500 PROS: 1. Hal Strauss (Mai); 2. Darren Oliver (Yam); 3. Andy Jannings (Mai).
125 PROS: 1. Jim Holley (Yam); 2. Tim Locey (Yam); 3. Jim Simons (Suz).
VETS EX: 1. Garry Willison (Mai); 2. Eric Kehoe (Yam); 3. Mark Tomaselli (Suz).
250 INT: 1. Nick Athans (Mai); 2. Greg Atkinson (Hon); 3. John Hagle (Suz).
500 INT: 1. Nick Athans (Mai); 2. Andy Richard (Mai); 3. Lee Robison (C-A).

125 INT: 1. Ron Willison (Suz); 2. Alan Anderson (Suz); 3. Pat McConnell (Yam).
100 INT: 1. Andy Nelinger (Suz); 2. Jack Greenberg (Suz); 3. Brand Johnson (Suz).
MINI INT: 1. Ty Maddux (Suz); 2. Larry Brooks (Suz); 3. Pat Walsh (Yam).
250 JR DIV 1: 1. Brand Johnson (Suz); 2. Jeff Jones (Yam); 3. Brian Wassell (Hon).
250 JR DIV 2: 1. Dan Peterson (Mai); 2. Al Duncan (Hon); 3. Kent Bartels (Hon).
500 JR: 1. George Karn (Mai); 2. Mike Parsons (Suz); 3. Jim Myerson (Mai).
125 JR DIV 1: 1. Eric Flynn (Suz); 2. Dan Kudrave (Suz); 3. Robert Giammarino (Suz).
125 JR DIV 2: 1. Jack Greenberg (Suz); 2. Adam Ford (Kaw); 3. Ralph Usher (Yam).
125 JR DIV 3: 1. Bruce Maynor (Suz); 2. Jon Zahrt (Suz); 3. Joey Bauer (Suz).
100 JR: 1. Jim Boyd (Suz); 2. Tyrone Taylor (Yam); 3. Mike Suarez (Yam).
VETS JR: 1. Mike Kane (Yam); 2. Kent Shepard (Suz); 3. Jim Atkinson (Suz).
MINI JR DIV 1: 1. Mark Davenport (Suz); 2. Richie James (Suz); 3. Rick Engelharot (Kaw).
MINI JR DIV 2: 1. Rick Houghtaling (Suz); 2. Gerald Saurez (Yam).
500 BEG: 1. Greg Avery (Yam); 2. David Bennett (Yam).
125 BEG: 1. Karl Allen (Suz); 2. Jim Hartman (Suz); 3. Jaime Zamora (Yam).
WOMEN'S DIV: 1. Cindy Dumo (Suz); 2. Mercedes Gonzalez (Suz); 3. Maria Gonzalez (Yam).

Locey four for four at AME MX

By Laura Richard
Photo by Bob Greenberg

VALENCIA, CA, JULY 22

It was another good day for racing and American Motocross Enterprises did just that as they put on another one of their fine races on the Shadow Glen track at Indian Dunes.

Yamaha Support rider Tim Locey put together back to back wins in both the 250 and 125cc Pro classes to take home two overall wins. In the 125cc race, moto one saw U.S. Suzuki rider Steve Schmitz taking the holeshot followed by Locey and DG Yamaha rider Willie Simons. Locey took the lead from Schmitz, and as the checkered flag dropped it was Locey followed by Schmitz and Simons. As round two left the line it was all Locey, again followed by Schmitz but with Suzuki rider Jim Pappe in third. Schmitz put up a good fight but in the end it was Locey with the overall with Schmitz finishing second and third going to Pappe.

In the 250cc Pro race, moto one saw Works Shocks Honda rider Kirk Sturgeon with the lead followed by International M/C Yamaha mounted Mike Shoemaker and Locey. Locey put the pass on both Shoemaker and Sturgeon to take over the lead, while Shoemaker slipped past Sturgeon to take over second. Scott Morgan (Hon) was working his way up, and took over third. Moto two saw Locey with the lead followed by Shoemaker and Sturgeon. Locey took the overall with Shoemaker taking second and third going to Yamaha rider Gary Neal with a 4-5 finish.

The Open Pro race proved to be one of the most exciting of the day. As the gate dropped for the first round, Westlake Suzuki rider Mark Parkerson pulled the lead followed by Luft Shocks rider Joe Root and International M/C Yamaha-mounted Steve Rawson. Back in the pack, Cole Bros. Maico-mounted Andy Jannings and Sy Klops Maico rider Bill Hagen were working their way towards the front. Jannings moved all the way up to first with Hagen finishing third behind Parkerson. Round two saw Jannings taking the lead followed by Rawson and Hagen. Hagen passed Rawson and then Jannings for the lead while a strong-riding Rob Rollings (Mai) worked his way up to finally take over second. The overall win went to Hagen with Jannings second and Rollins third.

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THE LATEST POOP BY PAPA WEALEY

Graham Noyce is the '79 500cc MX World Champion. Noyce rode his Bill Buchka-tuned Honda to a 4-DNF finish at the Citadel circuit in Namur, Belgium to become the youngest-ever 500cc World Champ at age 22 and the first Briton to win the title in 15 years. Buchka is the first American to tune an MX World Championship winning machine, and he said it was the "hardest job I've ever had to do." Noyce rode the second race, but DNF with a flat tire. He was second at the time.

Meanwhile, it was Noyce's Honda teammate Andre Malherbe riding the Alan Hahn-tuned Honda to the overall win at the Aug. 5 Belgian 500cc MXGP. Malherbe put in a 2-1 day despite throwing the chain in the second moto and stopping to put it back on. Roger DeCoster put his works Suzuki into second overall with 1-5 moto placings in, as Bill Buchka described it, "the most fantastic race I've seen him ride in a long while." RD won the first moto by 30 seconds, then was leading the second by the same margin when the Suzuki got a flat tire. Brad Lackey finished 9-DNF (or a placing outside the top 10). Jimmy Weinert took ninth in the second moto. In point standings, Noyce won the title with 217. Gerrit Wolsink, who crashed in the first moto and didn't start the second race, has 167. Andre Malherbe has overtaken Lackey for third with 149 to Lackey's 146. Heikki Mikkola, who also crashed in the first moto, is fifth with 138, and DeCoster is sixth with 125.

In 250cc World Championship MX Series action, Husqvarna's Hakan Carlqvist, who already has clinched the title, won both motos in the Aug. 5 Bielstein, West Germany race. Neil Hudson put his Maico into second overall with a pair of second placings. Jim Pomeroy, reportedly riding a Beta, placed fourth in the first moto, but doesn't show up in the second race results. Carlqvist has 248 points. He's followed by Hudson with 178 and Vladimir Kavinov with 131.

An expensive piece of camera equipment was found on the *Cycle News* motorhome bumper, but not until it had taken a ride around the Laguna Seca parking lot, then over to the Monterey airport, finally being discovered when the boys stopped at a beer store. If you know what we're talking about and can give us a phone call, successfully identifying the item, it must be yours. Dial 213/427-7433 and ask for Skip.

The NMA's big championship event in Ponca City, OK, will see the debut of Yamaha's new YZ50, when 12 of the machines are raced in a special event. The YZ50 is "a serious little racer," according to the folks at Yamaha, and like its bigger brothers, the new mini racer is a monoshocker. A 60cc big bore kit will be available.

Speaking of little brothers appearing in Yamaha's race bike line up, is it possible that we'll see a water-cooled, single cylinder, monoshock 125cc road racer called the TZ125? It's a neat looking little machine, pictured in a brochure that rambled across Papa's desk the other day. We'll let you know on availability — when and/or if.

August 9. That's the date the Phantom Duck of the Desert and the BLM must reach agreement. An agreement has been drawn up, and according to Rick Sieman the BLM has already signed it. The Duck hasn't. If he does, Sieman says it's a deal where nobody wins and nobody loses. The Duck doesn't want that, but since he's run out of money from the previous — wasted — court session, he may have no choice. Two more Duck info updates: The PDOD received around $1,500 from pre-race ticket sales for the Superbowl of Motocross plus some $300-$400 sent in to *Dirt Bike* by people who couldn't make it to the race but wanted to contribute anyway. And, on Aug. 1, the U.S. Army started maneuvers in the dez. Wouldn't it be interesting to issue a temporary restraining order on them (as was done to the Duck) and see how Judge Ferguson handles it?

Kelly Moran placed seventh in the Aug. 5 Speedway World Finals qualifying race at White City, England becoming the only American to make it to the final event. Bobby Schwartz placed 14th; only the top 10 qualify. Winning the British race was Michael Lee who tied at 14 points with Peter Collins, then beat Collins in a run-off race. Finn Thompson, Dave Jessup and Ivan Mauger each earned 10 points then raced in a run-off to place third through fifth in the order listed here. Mauger's motor failed in that run-off. Thanks to contributor John Hipkiss and Judy Maely for the info!

New York motorcyclists, or motorcyclists contemplating a New York residence, (or just any concerned motorcyclists) ought to be aware of recently enacted legislation there that raises compulsory vehicle liablility insurance death benefits from $10,000 to $50,000. Benjamin R. Mintz of Cycle Insurance Service predicted that under the new bill, "the average increase for autos will be minimal (less than 5%), while motorcycle premiums will almost double. This raises the very real possibility that the voluntary motorcycle insurance market will collapse." Concerned motorcyclists, manufacturers and dealers are urged to write Governor Carey and New York state legislators, calling for an exclusion of motorcycles from Senate Bill #S5518. Now, it's New York, later . . . who knows?

Entries are still open for the Aug. 19 Women's National Motocross, to be held at Carlsbad International Raceway. The event, sponsored by Russ Darnell Motocross Schools, features classes from Beginner to Pro, with payback going to the Pros. More info is available from promoter Vickie Miller Haag, 2167 El Dora St., Lemon Grove, CA 92045, 714/462-9395. For the pit tootsies accompanying lady racers, there's a pit tootsie race with Sportsman and Expert classes. You gals might want to get goin' on that; we hear that Texan Kathy Holman has factory Honda MX'er Steve Wise signed up to race!

Australians Tony Hatton and Michael Cole led a Honda sweep of the first eight places, piloting their RCB900 to win the Suzuka 8-Hour endurance race in Japan. Second went to another RCB900, this one ridden by Britishers Ron Haslam and Alex George. American riders entered in the event did not fare well. Dale Singleton and Dave Aldana had their factory Honda running second overall before Singleton crashed. Shortly after Singleton bailed, the lead bike blew up. The Team Yoshimura Suzuki ridden by Wes Cooley and Ron Pierce fell victim to a blown rod.

On July 11 a Honda "Chassis and Suspension" course concluded in Texas, and Ronald and JoAnne Johanson became Honda Registered Mechanics, the first married couple (JoAnne was also the first woman) to do so. There are less than 150 Honda Registered Mechanics in the country, and to become one involves an introductory course, a two-week intermediate course and five advanced courses. Congratulations, Ronald and JoAnne!

Grass track MX in the U.S.?! That's right, the Ground Shakers M.C. out of Las Vegas has arranged to use the long-dormant Flying LD Ranch motocross track on Aug. 26. The ranch is nestled high (6600 ft.) in the Utah mountains, two miles from Zion National Park and the track has been allowed to return to its natural state; a ribbon of grass zig-zagging up and down in the Utah mountains and forests. Overnight camping at the track is OK. The ranch is limed from the east gate of Zion National Park and from the Mt. Carmel Junction. Call Casey Folks at 702/457-0343 for further information.

Hats off to Sun Metal Products, Inc., the trick rim manufacturers. In addition to supplying any of 1979 United States ISDT riders requesting so with their rims, they are also providing each rider with a check for $100.00 to help cover their personal expenses. The balance of this $4000.00 fund will go to the AMA and their ISDT effort.

Maico West announced their 1979 450 ORCD (off-road, country and desert) is now available. These desert play bikes have wide ratio gearboxes, 3½ gallon gas tanks and Works Performance rear shocks. Ask your dealer for details.

Missing M/C industry people department; for all of those wondering what happened to Tim Smith after his seven-year association with the racing department. at Kawasaki, he was recently reported to have joined forces with Jeff Cole and formed a new company C & J Racing Products, at 1163 E. Mission Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028, 714/728-1707. They will be developing dirt track frames and hardware for TT500 Yamahas and XL & XR Honda 500's. Give Tim a call and say hi.

R.C. Engineering is moving! Their new facility in Gardena will comprise 42,000 square feet, earmarked mainly for manufacturing and R&D. While Papa was speaking with the good folks at R.C., he thought he heard someone say Russ Collins was planning a *real* 200 mph pass in the near future and if time permits Terry Vance would soon be sorting out the details on a new single engine Suzuki top fueler.

The AME California Minicycle Championship, a five-race series will begin Aug. 19 at Cycle Haven, then go to Indian Dunes on Aug. 26, Barona Oaks on Sept. 2, Sprockets Park on Sept. 15 finally wrapping up at Indian Dunes on Sept. 30. There'll be awards from U.S. Suzuki, S&W and Duralube. Suzuki will be giving away one each of the 1980 RM60, RM80 and RM100 MXers as soon as they're available. More info? Dial 213/881-5778.

Alex Jorgensen got married to Von, the lady he's been dating for seven years in an Aug. 3 ceremony at Lake Tahoe.

Sources also report that Moto-X Fox riders Larry Wosick and Donnie Cantaloupi are in line for factory rides. The odds are even that you'll see Wosick riding for Honda and Cantaloupi for Yamaha in 1980.

The rumor mill is running wide open cranking out the annual "who's going to ride what in 1980" items. Word has it that Marty Tripes may be riding for Kawasaki next year. The two are reportedly talking turkey now, but Tripes is under contract to Honda until October.

How about a ladies-only National Enduro? The fourth annual Bra-Buster Enduro will take place Sept. 2 in Michigan organized by the Vineyard Trail Riders. Want more info? Dial 616/624-6473, 616/342-4988 or 616/668-2527 or write to the Vineyard Trail Riders, c/o Lawton Cycle Sales, M-40 South, Lawton, MI 49065. There's no sanction, everyone — women, that is — may ride.

Look for a major housecleaning at Team Honda this winter. Several highly paid star riders haven't exactly lived up to their old press clippings.

And we hear Yamaha has plans to expand their present team roster with two or three new riders.

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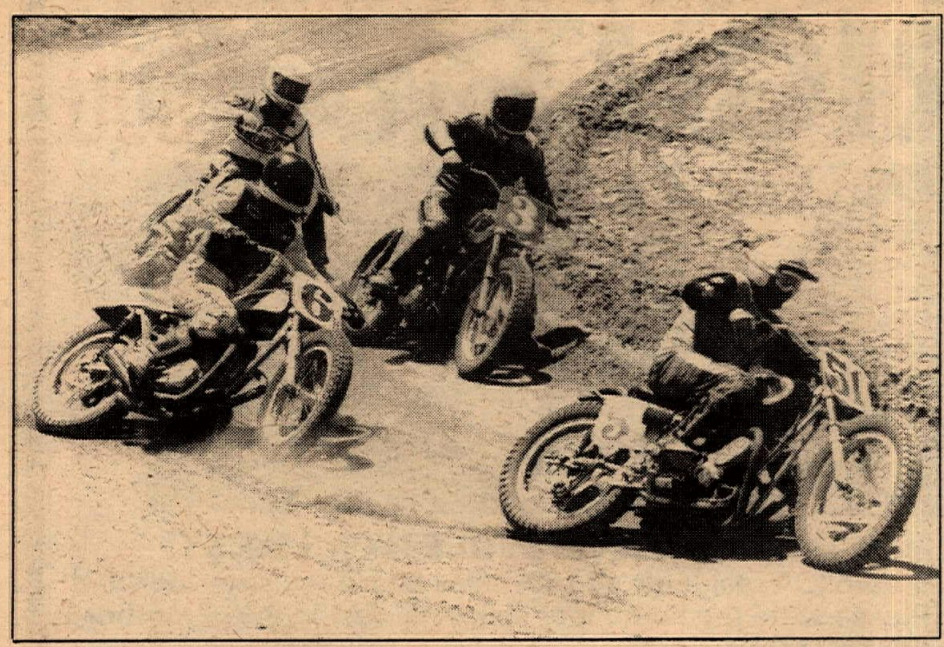
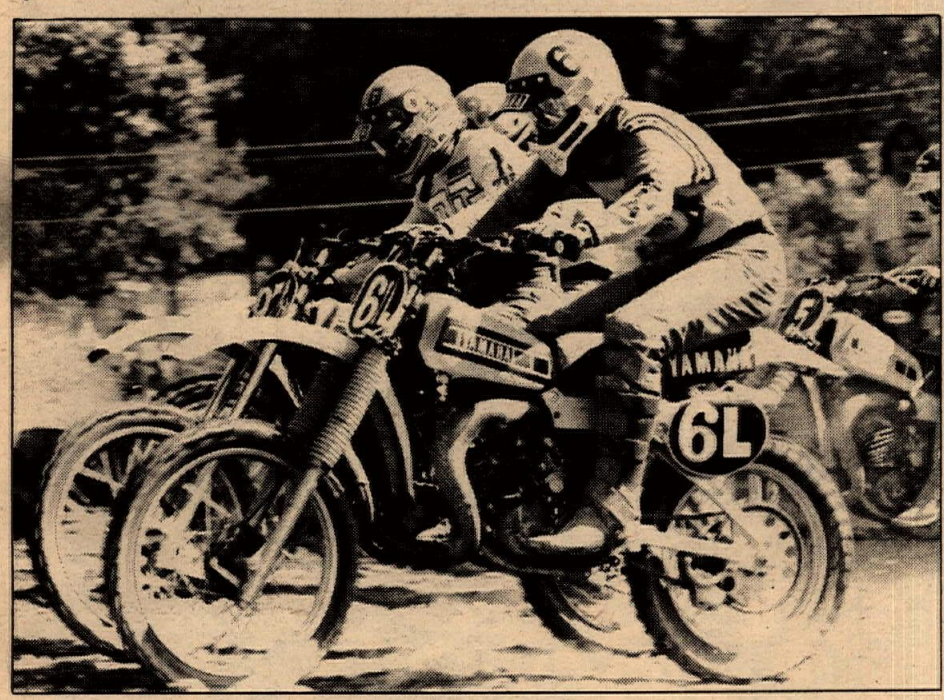


(Above) Larry Bird leads the Senior class at Elsinore's AMA short track qualifier. (Below) Tim Locey (6L) won twice at AME Indian Dunes.



Robert Reisinger chases Goat Breker in an SSM 250cc Pro race.

Big bikes highlight Elsinore AMA short track qualifier

By Dave Miller

Photo by Dan Mahony/ Wizard Racing Photography

LAKE ELSINORE, CA, JULY 21-22

Final qualifier for the short track nationals in Porterville this August came and went with most of the action confined to the big bike divisions.

Insuring the success of the event was a new course especially prepared by the management of Lake Elsinore Raceway for the short track qualifier.

Traces of the heavy rain which pounded the area early Friday morning, along with more than adequate lightning were absent by the time races got underway Saturday.

While the outcome had little affect on qualification for the nationals, Sunday race results at 500cc were held up until Mike Montgomery, who appeared to have finished first, agreed to relinquish his win and settle for second place due to a near-mishap which involved an also-ran bike and Danny Jones.

Jones was cruising along to an apparent victory when a mishap involving a bike returning to the track in front of him forced him to slow. This allowed Montgomery to pass safely and ride to an apparent victory.

With the yield of first place to Jones by Montgomery, Jones finished the two-day event tied as number one qualifier at 500cc with Rex Hailey, who finished in third place in the Sunday race. Montgomery's self-imposed second place finish Sunday made him the number three qualifier for the August nationals.

Beyond the tough 500cc class, it appeared if you won on Sunday, you came out the top qualifier during the two-day event.

Such was the case for Robert Land in the 125cc class, but a third place finish Sunday insured Darren Hulbert the second qualifier's slot and a fourth place finish gave Brian Yocum the points necessary for third.

Chris Cannon won Sunday and was the number one 250cc qualifier, while Tom Walton, who finished third Sunday, was the second qualifier, and Ross Klatt, who finished second, was third qualifier.

In the Open event, Tom Walton won Sunday and was the top qualifier, with Larry Bird and Greg Billings also transferring to the national.

As an added attraction which had absolutely nothing to do with qualifying, Larry Bird beat out Bert Rinehardt and Mike Boyle in the Senior competition.

Results

250 PRO: 1. Tim Locey (Yam); 2. Mike Shoemaker (Yam); 3. Gary Neal (Yam).
500 PRO: 1. Bill Hagen (Mai); 2. Andy Jannings (Mai); 3. Rob Rollins (Mai).
125 PRO: 1. Tim Locey (Yam); 2. Steve Schmitz (Suz); 3. Jim Pappe (Suz).
250 INT: 1. Tracy Travis (Yam); 2. Greg Atkinson (Hon); 3. Mark Amendola (Suz).
500 INT: 1. Chris Lowitz (Suz); 2. Lynn Dennis (Mai); 3. Andy Richard (Mai).
125 INT: 1. Todd Bausch (Suz); 2. Eddie Green (Suz); 3. Tommy Bence (Suz).
250 JR: 1. Brian Wassell (Hon); 2. Rick Tharp (Yam); 3. Jeff Jones (Yam).
500 JR: 1. Kenneth Renaux (Suz); 2. Mickey Samuelson (Mai); 3. Tracy Samuelson (Mai).
125 JR: 1. Jack Greenberg (Suz); 2. Chris Morton (Suz); 3. Joe Broussard (Suz).
100 JR: 1. Kirk Belto (Yam); 2. Bobby Wright (Suz); 3. Dave Kelfer (Yam).
100 INT: 1. Jack Greenberg (Suz); 2. Andy Nelinger (Suz); 3. Brand Johnson (Suz).
VET JR: 1. Jay Weaver (Suz).
250 BEG: 1. Roy Rendon (Suz).
125 BEG: 1. Robert Kotanjian (Yam); 2. Rick Davis (Suz).
WOMEN'S DIV: 1. Cindy Dumo (Suz).

0-65cc: 1. Mike Lucio.
0-85cc (7-11 YEARS OLD): 1. Craig Howard; 2. Buddy Wilson.
0-85 (12-14 YEARS OLD): 1. Mike Kirby; 2. (TIE) Steven Hill/Ryan Land.
100cc: 1. Joseph Peterson; 2. Steven Hill; 3. Tim Patton.
125cc: 1. Robert Land; 2. Darren Hulbert; 3. Brian Yocum.
200cc: 1. Trampus Bettencourt; 2. Jimmy Rose; 3. Kelly Dennison.
250cc: 1. Chris Cannon; 2. Tom Walton; 3. Ross Klatt.
500cc: 1. (TIE) Danny Jones/Rex Hailey; 2. Mike Montgomery.
OPEN: 1. Tom Walton; 2. Larry Bird; 3. Greg Billings.
SIDE HACKS: 1. Glen Mitchell/Ron Seydel; 2. John Sherman/James Sherman; 3. (TIE) David Hill/Mitch Hinker, Les Ketcham/Les Letcham, Jr.
NOTE: Top three qualifiers from each classification advance to short track nationals in Porterville. Seniors (not for qualification) 1. Larry Bird; 2. Bert Rinehart; 3. Mike Boyle.

Gibson takes two at SSM MX

By Terry Whytal

ORANGE, CA, JULY 21

Team Honda rider Jim Gibson rode two classes at this SSM MX and came away with the top money in both races. While Gibson was showing the way to the 250 and 125cc Pros, Scott Gillman rode a new box stock RM400 Suzuki to victory in the Open Pro class.

With a $700 purse up for grabs the local Pros came out in force. Lining up for the start of the first moto were top riders like Husky-mounted Goat Breker, Kawasaki rider Robert Reisinger, Pete Snorteland on a Can-Am and Lenny Giger just back from the Nationals with his super fast Kawasaki. Mark Lawrence were there riding his Yamaha Support YZ and recent SSM winner Randy Rodriquez had his Maico straining at the gate but when the flag dropped, Gibson went for the lead establishing command of the race almost immediately. At the end of the first lap the order of the top five was: Gibson, Giger, Snorteland, Lawrence and Breker all chasing Gibson. On the fourth lap Lawrence passed Snorteland and Breker followed a lap later. Rodriquez moved into fifth to put pressure on Snorteland. Giger was doing an excellent job of holding off Lawrence and Breker for second until halfway through the moto when first Lawrence and then Breker slipped by. On the next lap Breker put the move on Lawrence and took over second. Breker began to close the gap on Gibson towards the end of the moto, while Lawrence DNF because of mechanical problems. At the checkers Gibson was still safely in the lead and Breker had to settle for second ahead of Giger and Snorteland.

Once again Gibson timed the gate right, and kept the gas on through the first corner to quickly open a three bike lead on the pack. As the first lap ended Gibson was five lengths ahead of Giger and Reisinger. Snorteland was in fourth and Breker came around in fifth. The next 40 minutes consisted of Gibson running away with the race while the battle for second through fifth turned into a dog fight. Four riders slammed and bounced their way around the track with Breker slowly working his way past Snorteland, Reisinger and finally Giger to again finish second. Giger managed to hold off Reisinger to finish third. Overall the win was all Gibson's with Breker a well earned second and Giger third.

Gibson ran away with the 125cc Pro race, leaving Suzuki riders Craig Dale and Huff Hadley to argue over second. Eventually Dale went home with the second place money and Hadley was third.

The Open Pro race was a case of "almost" for Anaheim Suzuki's Scott Cavness. Cavness almost won the first moto, holding off Gillman and KTM-mounted Ed Arnet for nearly the entire race until a lapped rider cut him off and let Gillman and Arnet by. Cavness led the second moto for most of the race, keeping National veterans Steve Rhyan and Gillman behind him. Suddenly Cavness was down in a tight turn with his throttle torn from the bars and his day was over. Gillman

went on to take the overall win ahead of Rhyan and Arnet.

Results

OPEN PRO: 1. Scott Gillman (Suz); 2. Steve Rhyan (Mai); 3. Ed Arnet (KTM).
250 PRO: 1. Jim Gibson (Hon); 2. Goat Breker (Hus); 3. Lenny Giger (Kaw).
125 PRO: 1. Jim Gibson (Hon); 2. Craig Dale (Suz); 3. Huff Hadley (Suz).
OPEN INT: 1. Bob Brooks (Yam); 2. Rick Varvei (Mai); 3. Bart Milawkaski (Hus).
250 INT: 1. Rick Nielsen (Hon); 2. Mike Godfrey (Mai); 3. Larry Nelson (Hon).
125 INT: 1. Doug Dubach (Yam); 2. Todd Bausch (Suz); 3. Bill Rechia (Suz).
OPEN JR: 1. John Barnes (Tri); 2. John Larson (Suz); 3. Robert Braver (Mai).
250 JR: 1. Chuck Miller (Yam); 2. Ray Plumb (Hon); 3. Mike Eckardt (Yam).
125 JR: 1. Dan Bartholomew (Suz); 2. Kurt Knudsen (Suz); 3. John Foster (Suz).
OPEN EG: 1. Mike Hamilton (Yam); 2. Kent Coombs (Yam); 3. Walter Maxwell (Yam).
250 BEG: 1. Jon Nichols (Suz); 2. Doug Behinke (Yam); 3. Frank Paglia (Kaw).
125 BEG: 1. Mike Donanchick (Suz); 2. Chris Petersen (Suz); 3. Scott Belanger (Yam).
MINI BEG: 1. Tony Linehan (Kaw); 2. Richard Oliver (Yam).

Glover on the gas at SSM MX

By Terry Whytal

ORANGE, CA, JULY 14

Gas shortage or not the motocrossers of SoCal turned out in large numbers at Saddleback, including a large field of 125cc Pro riders. The two favorites going into the day's races were Team Yamaha's Broc Glover and Suzuki's smallest and hottest new prospect, Scott Burnworth. In Open Pro action Scott Cavness put his Anaheim Suzuki RM400 in front and stayed there to sweep the class and Mark Lawrence rode his Yamaha to top honors in the 250 Pro race.

Looking like the champ he is, Glover shot into the early lead in the first moto. Behind him came Yamaha rider Jim Holley and Honda-mounted Paul Emerson. Suzuki R&D rider Bob Sullivan finished the first lap in fourth place ahead of another Suzuki rider, Craig Dale. Burnworth was back in last place but not for long. Out in front Glover had his mount kicked into high gear and really flying, leaving Holley and Emerson to battle for a distant second place. On the ninth lap Emerson found a way around Holley and Dale passed Sullivan to make it a three way fight for second. Two laps later Holley's fine ride came to an end with mechanical problems. Glover motored on to the checkers, finishing with 20 seconds on Emerson who in turn had opened up a pretty good lead over third place finisher Dale. Ron Blanton crossed the finish line on his Honda in fourth just ahead of Burnworth who had steadily worked his way up through the pack to finish fifth.

Glover likes being in front and once again that's where he positioned himself as the second moto screamed up the start hill. Hot on his rear fender this time though was Burnworth with Dale a bikelength behind. Sullivan held down the fourth place position at the end of the first lap and Emerson was in fifth. On the next go 'round, Emerson passed Sullivan and began to pressure Dale. Glover had the throttle wired but Burnworth stayed right with the leader as the two factory riders started pulling away from the pack. The battle for third place was heating up as Emerson kept pushing and Dale kept just ahead. Suddenly with the moto half over, Glover slid out on the little left hander at the base of the downhill and Burnworth grabbed the lead as Broc struggled to remount. Burnworth opened up about a 15 second lead before Glover got going but the final order was quickly in doubt as Glover began to reel him in at two seconds a lap. Glover pulled within three seconds as the white flag came out but Burnworth looked determined and held on to win. Glover still claimed the overall victory and Emerson the runner-up position while Burnworth had to settle for third.

Results

OPEN PRO: 1. Scott Cavness (Suz); 2. Brent Wallingsford (Hus); 3. Greg Cote (Mai).
250 PRO: 1. Mark Lawrence (Yam); 2. Rick Johnson (Yam); 3. Huff Hadley (Mai).
125 PRO: 1. Broc Glover (Yam); 2. Paul Emerson (Hon); 3. Scott Burnworth (Suz).
OPEN INT: 1. Fulton Tidwell (Mai); 2. Bob Brooks (Yam); 3. Rick Varvel (Mai).
250 INT: 1. Dennis Ramsey (Yam); 2. Larry Nelson (Hon); 3. Bob Rowe (Yam).
125 INT: 1. Jim Krumme (Suz); 2. Todd Bawson (Suz); 3. Jeff Burnworth (Suz).
OUTLAW: 1. Allan Egbert (Q&E); 2. Jerry Benson (Hon); 3. Mike Eddy (Mai).
OPEN JR: 1. John McCormick (Yam); 2. Jim Castillo (Suz); 3. Craig Lauterman (Suz).
250 JR: 1. Jim Brodie (Hon); 2. Mike Casey (Yam); 3. Bob Ashleugh (Suz).
125 JR: 1. Ricky Martinez (Suz); 2. Craig Wedergard (Suz); 3. Lance Salls (Yam).
OPEN BEG: 1. Mike Ciprano (Hus); 2. Ken Oviatt (KTM); 3. Stan Rogers (Hus).
250 BEG: 1. Jeff Scott (Suz); 2. Bill Carl (Hon); 3. Doug Belinck (Yam).
125 BEG: 1. Glenn Thomas (Suz); 2. Chris Petersen (Suz); 3. James Banning (Hus).

Jennings jumps to Old Timers MX win

By Bob Alloy

TRABUCO CANYON, CA, JULY 15

What a great day for racing — warm weather, a good track, and 30 great Old Timers.

Winning big in the Masters class was Marshall Jenning who took both the first and second motos with a first place win.

Chuck Woody wrapped up the first moto win in the Expert division. Giving Chuck a real run was Dick Mosley, who had the lead on Chuck for two laps, but lost it on the last lap. So Dick was the second place winner and Doug Archibald followed him in for third. Moto two was won by Ray Sanchez who managed this feat despite a broken shoulder, souvenir of his Mammoth adventure. Second place went to another injured great. Chuck Woody, with a broken thumb, gassed it up and took second in great style, for the overall win. We Old Timers are made of the strongest stuff. Dick Mosley was in there for third this time and ended up with a third place overall.

A hard man to beat these days is Joe Bray of the Amateurs. He dominated moto one from start to finish. Coming through with a not so hot start was George Spearing. George really got moving and worked his way into second place. Ed Scheidler followed George in for third. Taking both the holeshot and the win in Moto two was Ray Arnold. Following closely behind, Bray came in second and following Bray was Bob De Miranda.

The winner of the Novice division was Bob Klatt as he took the number one spot in both motos. That's the second straight win in a row for Bob. Another Bob, Bob Anderson looked good as he took the holeshot and held it for six laps. Anderson came in second and following Anderson was still another Bob, this time Bob Alloy. The second moto saw Anderson taking second again and Joe Patterson on a Maico taking third. ●

Results

MASTERS: 1. Marshall Jennings (Suz).
EXPERTS: 1. Chuck Woody (suz); 2. Ray Sanchez (Yam); 3. Dick Mosley (Maico).
AMATEURS: 1. Joe Bray (Maico); 2. George Spearing (Hus); 3. Ray Arnold (Yam).
NOVICE : 1. Bob Klatt (Hus); 2. Bob Anderson (Yam); 3. Joe Patterson (Maico).

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The Gresham Toyota MX Series lures the best in the northwest.

Pro-Trac Racing Team tests the regulars at Washougal

By Action Oz

WASHOUGAL, WA, JULY 22

The best racing conditions this year greeted competitors for the fifth round of the Gresham Toyota MX Series at Washougal. With the track watered heavily under an overcast sky, racing conditions were guaranteed perfect. Riders who walked the track were pumped, and with the addition of the Pro-Trac Racing Team, things turned to magic.

Open Pros were the first hot class off the line and Clay Azar, newly appointed LOP rider, got the holeshot. Right on his knobby was Mark Hambleton on a Maico for Iron Horse. Allen Berluti (Mai) riding for Pro-Trac kept things very honest as he began his charge on a new, to him, track. Hambleton dialed it to pass Azar by lap three only to lose it back to Azar by lap four. Their duel was the best this year for the Open class, with Chris Washburn, Hillsboro Suzuki, working is way up to the leaders after a middle-of-the-pack start. Tim Michletsch (LOP) had a third place start going and was working his way up, as only he does, when he was most unceremoniously spit off by the bike when he came down on a bump. Tim had his bell rung quite loud and retired from the moto.

Azar ran the 20-minutes to the wire and caught the flag for the win. Hambleton followed for second while Berluti Maicoed his way for third. Chris Washburn had moved into fourth by the end of the moto.

The second Open moto saw Doug Mundell, Yamaha of Astoria, get the holeshot into the first turn. Berluti was fifth and by the end of the first lap, had moved into second behind Mundell. Azar had a disastrous scratch and was running eighth at the end of the first lap. Mundell felt the pressure from Berluti's Maico, bobbled a bit, and let Berluti by. About this time, Clay Azar realized the money was riding on his finish and he dialed it from eighth to second in four laps. He then began his drive to pass Berluti. Allen had different ideas and he wrung-out his Pro-Trac Maico to the wire for the top spot, on the second go round. Azar got the overall, Berluti second and Chris Washburn third. The fine Open Pro class show was all the talk as the spectators headed for the concession stand.

Thirty-four 250cc Pro riders blasted off the line for their first ride of the day. Steve Pless, on his Cycle Sport Kawasaki, ran the first lap in first place after a fantastic holeshot. Allen Pitts (Suz) was right behind him in second. Not for long, though; Ron Sun (Hus), fresh off the national trail, came looming up in his rear-view mirror (?) and by lap two it was all over as Sun widened his lead to take the moto. Clay Azar (LOP) rode through the pack to finish second and Allen Berluti (Pro-Trac Maico) tied up third.

The second moto saw Dave Coupe (Pro-Trac Suz) get a great start but Sun, too, was coming off a good drive and that was all he needed to smoothly pass Coupe for the lead. Steve Pless (Kaw), riding for Cycle Sport, got by Coupe and moved into second. But Pless broke, and Azar, the same guy who's been giving everybody fits, moved into second and held it. Tim Michletsch, a victim of a first turn pileup, was running almost dead last but he motored to sixth by moto's end. Kevin Jansen (Kaw) put in a smooth ride for fifth by moto's end and Berluti smoothed his way to third behind Azar.

The 125cc Pros were all lined up and as the gate dropped, Kyle Londram (Suz) from Houston, Texas, took charge of the pack. After lap two, Steve Pless (Kaw) had moved into first, but he lost it to Kyle again who held on for two laps until Tim Michletsch hurried through traffic to assume his accustomed place at the head of the pack. Londram hung onto second behind Michletsch and Kevin Jansen blitzed into third just ahead of Mike McCormick who had worked up to fourth at moto's end. Chris Selnes (Suz), who has had a continued run of bad luck, lost a chain for a DNF.

Mike McCormick got the second moto, first turn benefit and began his charge. Darryl Zumstein, Woodland Honda, was also running fast but Michletsch, suffering from a fall, has to charge again up through the pack. He managed a seventh before time ran out for a fourth overall in the 125cc Pro class.

Meanwhile, McCormick was motoring and Jeff Cropper (Suz) was out in front, flat flying off the downhills. McCormick stayed with him, like a magnet but Kevin Jansen (Kaw) was gaining on the leaders. When it was all over, McCormick had pulled off his first ever overall at Washougal. Cropper had won the moto but McCormick won the war. Jansen picked up third and Michletsch, after a frustrating day, took fourth. Darryl Zumstein, 5-3, was second overall.

A magic day for everyone at Washougal.

Results

PEE WEE JR: 1. Brett Anton (Suz); 2. Mike Irwin (Suz).
PEE WEE SR: 1. Darron Rogers (Suz); 2. Jamie Clark (Suz).
MINI JR: 1. Doug Lange (Kaw); 2. John Wilson (Suz); 3. Ronny Hopla (Yam).
MINI INT: 1. Bobby Moore (Suz); 2. Wade Anton (Yam); 3. Shawn Powell (Suz).
MINI EX: 1. Vince Warren (Yam); 2. Craig Lambert (Yam).
100 JR: 1. Steve Bye (Yam); 2. Jay Collins (Yam); 3. Ron Vendehey (Suz).
100 INT: 1. Roy Davis (Yam); 2. Ron Byle (Suz); 3. Dan Blasdell (Yam).
125 JR A: 1. Don Bethel (Suz); 2. Joel Atkins (Suz); 3. Bret Schucker (Hon).
125 JR B: 1. Chris Hadfield (Hon); 2. Mitch Coltas (Suz); 3. Craig Dunlap (Kaw).
125 INT A: 1. Dale Olson (Suz); 2. Kevin White (Yam); 3. Chip Chapman (Suz).
125 INT B: 1. Gary Harkleroad (Yam); 2. Ken McMurphy (Suz); 3. Jerry Black (Kaw).
250 JR: 1. Scott Bergren (Hon); 2. Duncan Davis (Yam); 3. Dean Glass (Hon).
250 INT: 1. Bob Cicerchi (Yam); 2. Bruce Irwin (Suz); 3. Clarence Gardner (Yam).
OPEN JR: 1. Scott Smith (Suz); 2. Randy Artman (Yam); 3. Pat McMonagle (Yam).
OPEN INT: 1. Gary Frazier (Mai); 2. Harvey Viser (Mai); 3. George Franson (Hon).
30-40 SR: 1. Howard Howe (Suz).
O.T.: 1. Bill Naylor (Yam); 2. Jim Watts (Yam); 3. Nate House (Yam).
MINI PRO: 1. Craig Lambert (Yam); 2. Dave Van Epps (Suz).
125 PRO: 1. Mike McCormick (Yam); 2. Darryl Zumstein (Hon); 3. Kevin Jansen (Kaw).
250 PRO: 1. Ron Sun (Hus); 2. Clay Azar (Yam); 3. Allen Berluti (Mai).
OPEN PRO: 1. Clay Azar (Yam); 2. Allen Berluti (Mai); 3. Chris Washburn (Suz).

Hoffman bangs out a double at the fair

By W. H. Spencer

SANTA ROSA, CA, JULY 17

Sal Hoffman cooly held off some hot competition at the Sonoma County Fair's annual short track motorcycle race to win the 250cc Expert and 500cc Expert classes in a big way. The Class C Junior was preparing for the mid-season assault at Ascot Park and is really getting psyched up for it.

Charlie Venegas led out the proceedings with a big win in the combined 80/100cc Novice/Junior, beating out John LaMont's 100 YZ, while Aaron Hill easily won the 80cc Expert and uncontested points for the top Black Plate in minibikes. Larry Staggs came back from a second in that battle to win the 100cc Expert with Howie Ross easing off on the little kids. Mike Macedo was in for a second and third for the night.

Bob "Kid" Curry came from the Sacramento area to become the big hero in the 125/200cc show by winning his second fair night show over Steve Hammerich. But the younger brother of the racing Hamerrich duo came back to win the 250cc Novice over John Sundberg and Tim Bucholtz in a real battle to the checkered.

Jon Eichelbaugh passed his way to the 250cc Junior win with Brandon Carnahan reluctantly giving up the post for second on the Reno Honda special.

Sal Hoffman walked off with the first of his double wins, leading Teddy Davidson and Billy Scott all the way in one of the few easy 250cc Expert shows. Ray Fabbri charged up the crowd with a good 360cc Novice win over Rod Avilla while big brother Mike Hammerich showed little brother Steve he can win 'em big too by taking the 360cc Junior over a faltering Ricky Vassallo.

Young Dave Boyles grabbed a good 360cc Expert win, leading the crowd for the distance on his Spinetti Honda, while Rick Delacy wound up holding second position on his Gary Conterno 360 Yamaha. Dwayne McCaslin came off a real bump and run job, courtesy of Bill Hermant, into Chuck Gondala. It was a real crowded situation with a narrow path up (and on) the fence for some.

Kelly Bennett came out of hiding for the 500cc Novice win with Heff Huggins and Steve Brown doing the following. Joe Mitchell wants everyone to know that becoming a Junior hasn't changed his winning ways. He proved it by leading and trophying over Larry Morrison.

It was the Yamaha of San Francisco ace, Hoffman, once again in the 500cc Expert, winning big over Bill Scott's super TT 500. Duane Spence who was in for third, is getting ready to build up another trick scoot; once he gets me to get him some parts.

Results

80 NOV/100 JR: 1. Charlie Venegas (Yam); 2. John Lamont (Yam).
80 EX: 1. Aaron Hill (Kaw); 2. Larry Staggs (Kaw); 3. Mike Macedo (Suz).
100 EX: 1. Larry Staggs (Yam); 2. Mike Macedo (Yam).
125-200 NOV/JR: 1. Kid Curry (Yam); 2. Steve Hammerich (Suz).
250 NOV: 1. Steve Hammerich (C-A); 2. John Sundberg (Bul); 3. Tim Bucholtz (Yam).
250 JR: 1. Jon Eichelbaugh (Yam); 2. Brandon Carnahan (Yam).
250 EX: 1. Sal Hoffman (C-A); 2. Ted Davidson (Bul); 3. Billy Scott (Yam).
360 NOV: 1. Ray Fabbri (Yam); 2. Rod Avilla (Yam).
360 JR: 1. Mike Hammerich (Bul); 2. Ricky Vassallo (Yam).
360 EX: 1. Dave Boyles (Hon); 2. Rick Delacy (Yam); 3. Dwayne McCaslin (Bul).
500 NOV: 1. Kelly Bennett (Hon); 2. Jeff Huggins (Kaw); 3. Steve Brown (Hon).
500 JR: 1. Joe Mitchell (Yam); 2. Larry Morrison (Yam).
500 EX: 1. Sal Hoffman (Yam); 2. Billy Scott (Yam); 3. Duane Spence (Yam).

Cooley blasts to AFM Sears Point win

By Karl Okamoto

SONOMA, CA, JULY 8

Yoshimura R & D of America's Wes Cooley emerged top dog in AFM Open Superstreet action at Sears Point. Cooley, riding the highly-modified Suzuki GS 1000, led from the start and had a lead of over 30 seconds at the finish over second-place Steve Epstein (Torco/NGK/Arai/Morris Vanson Suz GS 1000) and Kerry Bryant (Goodyear Kaw Z-1).

Huntington Beach's Eddie Lawson was the talk of the pits with his brilliant riding in 250cc GP. The Ted Dann-sponsored/Matt Owens-tuned rider was averaging 83 mph per lap while running away with the win. Meanwhile, a three-way engagement for second was being waged among Al Collins (Eric Heczko Yam TZ 250), Dave Garoutte (DKG Yam TZ) and Gennady Liubimsky (Hunt Racing TZ). The three Bay Area citizens ran as a group all race long, with Garoutte and Collins swapping places while Liubimsky was just a tick behind. Trophies were awarded to Lawson, Collins, and Garoutte (in that order).

Open GP featured many of the same motorcycles that raced in Open Superstreet. Wes Cooley (Yoshimura R & D Suz GS 1000) again led the parade off the starting line, but was quickly passed by Harry Klinzmann (Mr. Al's Rest. TZ750). Cooley later retired with clutch problems. Wes and Harry were pursued by Roberto Pietri (Yoshimura Suz GS1000) and Paul Ritter (San Jose BMW R100). Ritter passed Pietri in turn seven during the second lap, with Steve Epstein (Torco/NGK/Arai/Vanson Suz GS1000) and Dave Garoutte (Ewen McKecnie TZ 750) following. Garoutte continued

charging and took second at the checkered flag, followed by Epstein (running for no points) and Jack Baker, on his amazing Heigho Racing Yamaha 500 thumper. Ritter finished fifth overall, with Pietri (who had a nasty high-speed wobble) dropping out of contention.

After the Breese/Morris sidehack team (sponsored by Barbara's Answering Service in Menlo Park) opened the day's races with yet another triumph, Danny Kirkeby (Redline Hon MT125R) led off 125cc GP with a huge lead over Danny Coe (Can-Am/Cycle C-A 125) and Fred Merkel (Penero/Redline Hon MT125R). By lap four Coe was experiencing tire problems and yielded to Merkel and Fred Winters (Bel Ray/ND Hon MT125R). At the halfway mark it was still Kirkeby by a wide margin, followed by Merkel, Winters, and Coe. However, the race tightened up during the last two laps as Winters passed Merkel and began closing on Kirkeby. As they came through the esses and down the hill on the last lap, Winters was right on Kirkeby's tail going through turns 10 and 11. Coming out of the 11 hairpin, Winters tucked in and slingshotted past Danny to win by less than two feet, leaving Kirkeby clenching his fist in frustration.

Lightweight Suprstreet was won by Berkeley's John Williams (Bill Smith/Berkeley Yam RD400) after he got by early leader Nick Theroux (D & D/MC Eng./Redline/Lillie Yam SR500). Theroux opened up a 50-foot lead on the first lap, but saw the lead disappear and his lap times drop when Williams started chasing. The pace proved too much for Nick, and he settled for second place on his outrageously trick SR500, complete with custom frame, anti-dive front end, and dual Sifton brakes. Unsponsored Bob Runyon (Yam RD400) got by Marc Salvisberg (Karl's M/C Yam RD350) for third place.

The next AFM race at Sears Point will be the Golden Gate Challenge IV on August 25-26. The Challenge is a money race that features the best riders of the northern chapter versus the best of the south. This race is in addition to the usual slate of club races, and is the site of the fourth annual Sunday Morning Hangover.

Results for 410cc Box Stock are not included, as the entire class is under investigation by the AFM National Board. Brought to the attention of rider reps Mike Johnson and John Glover two months ago, the center of controversy is the "butterfly valve" mounted on the exhaust side of RD400 F's and the modifications or adjustments to this smog device. Watch *Cycle News* for the Board's decision. ●

Results

SIDECARS: 1. Breese/Morris (Kaw); 2. Rowe/James (Suz); 3. Essaff/Harrold (Kaw).

125cc GP: 1. Fred Winters (Hon); 2. Dan Kirkeby (Hon); 3. Fred Merkel (Hon).

200cc GP: 1. Tom Beisheim (C-A); 2. Christine Baur (C-A); 3. Jeff Little (C-A).

250 PROD: 1. Steve Stirrett (C-A); 2. Chuck Pace (C-A); 3. Jeff Okuda (C-A).

550cc PROD: 1. Jim Boeckl (Yam); 2. Gary Broeder (Yam); 3. Tim Tingey (Hon).

750cc PROD: 1. John Williams (Kaw); 2. Mike Spencer (Kaw); 3. Carry Keoshgerian (Hon).

OPEN PROD: 1. Lee Fleming (Duc); 2. Art Chambers (Duc); 3. Vance Breese (M-D).

250cc PROD: 1. Eddie Lawson (Yam); 2. Al Collins (Yam); 3. Dave Garoutte (Yam).

0-600cc SUPERSTREET: 1. John Williams (Yam); 2. Nick Theroux (Yam); 3. Bob Runyon (Yam).

500cc GP: 1. Jack Baker (Yam); 2. Jeff Hagan (Yam); 3. Ray Roy (Yam).

OPEN GP: 1. Harry Klinzmann (Yam); 2. Dave Garoutte (Yam); 3. Paul Ritter (BMW).

410cc PROD: 1. Thad Wolff (Yam); 2. Gennady Liubimsky (Yam); 3. Mark Ingalls (Yam).

OPEN SUPERSTREET: 1. Wes Cooley (Suz); 2. Steve Epstein (Suz); 3. Kerry Bryant (Kaw).

550cc BOX STOCK: 1. Curt Relick (Yam); 2. Joseph Abicht (Yam).

750cc BOX STOCK: 1. Mark Shelton (Kaw); 2. Steve Gilbert (Hon); 3. Walter Andrews (BMW).

OPEN BOX STOCK: 1. Whit Blakeslee (Kaw); 2. Kurt Knollenberg (Kaw); 3. Jack Berglund (H-D).

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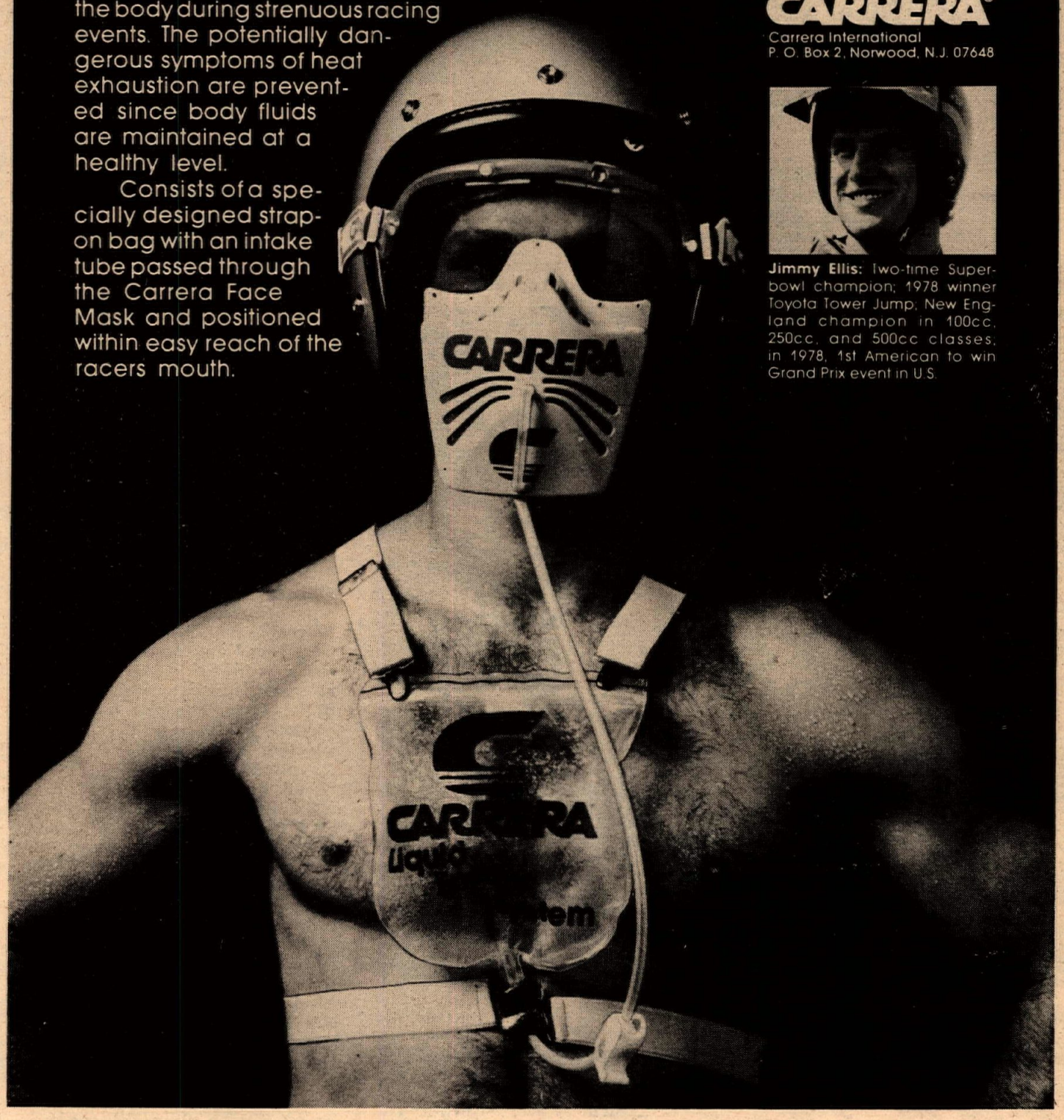

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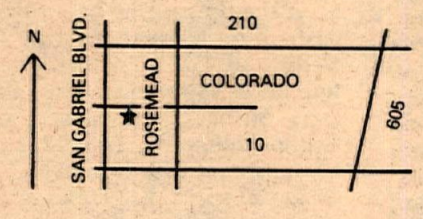

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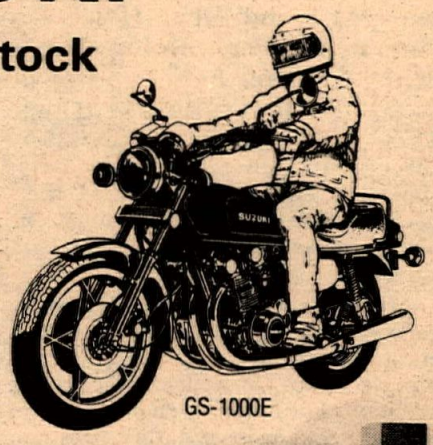


Central Pipeline

(Above) Ronnie Warman (35) slingshots off the start but radical Mel Newman (120) was too hot to top. (Below) Parry Klassen at speed.

Newman, Klassen, Howerton share $10,000 Spring Valley MX

By John Rannikko, Jr.

ABILENE, TX, JULY 21-22

Mel Newman (Suz), Parry Klassen (Mai) and Kent Howerton (Suz) went home with big chunks of the $10,000 Expert purse at the Spring Valley Motocross in Abilene, Texas with overall wins in the 125cc, 250cc and Open classes respectively. Howerton and Klassen padded their pockets with extra purse money by swapping second places in the two classes they didn't win overall.

As well as the purse money he earned, John Day deserves a special endurance award for riding six 35 minute motos, as well as practice, in two days. For many, even one moto in the Abilene heat and dust was too much. Mounted on Yamahas, Day earned a pair of thirds for third overall in the 125cc Expert class; 6-11 finishes in the 250cc Expert class gave him seventh overall; and 3-6 finishes in the Open Expert class was enough for third overall.

Texas minibike ace, "Flyin'" Bryan Taylor, came back strong after a poor 11th place finish in the first moto for Senior Minis. Taylor rode a TC Racing/Yamaha sponsored minibike to a first place in the second moto to combine for fifth overall, and followed that up with a pair of first place motos in the 100cc class, also on a TC Racing prepared Yamaha.

Many riders were unprepared for the unusually long starting straightaway and desperately searched for a change of countershaft sprockets to regear a little taller. The Spring Valley MX track was originally laid out by Rolf Tibblin with one section having been rebuilt for this race. The new section included a double jump with a pair of steps after the second jump, which preceded a third skyflying jump with a smooth approach and landing. Most of the riders could leap the first pair of jumps, but the double step at the bottom made for a rough landing which sent them into the third jump with too much speed to easily maneuver the left hand sweeper on the other side. After several injuries during practice, it was decided to shave down the second jump and smooth out the steps, as well as put a grassy chicane into the approaching straightaway to make it a section requiring skill, not speed. This proved to be safer.

Spring Valley was fortunate to have the very capable services of the TES (Texas Emergency Services) and Dr. Howe, who volunteer their time to provide emergency medical care at motocross races. The totally volunteer service is a veteran of six years and has one of the best equipped ambulance rigs around, which treated everything from sunstroke, to broken bones, to sunburn during the weekend.

Mel Newman has been smoking everyone in Texas very regularly and Saturday's 125cc Expert moto was no exception. Newman rocketed his RM Suzuki into the lead off the start with Dennis "Max" Brand (Hon) and 14-year-old Kawasaki mounted, San Angelo MX wizard, Ronnie Warman on his heels. Jerry Surber (Hon) fell in turn one, with a multitude of motocross machines barely missing him, remounted, only to throw a chain a few turns later, earning a DNF.

On the first circuit around the track, Newman led with Max Brand putting on some pressure. Honda of Austin sponsored Keith Davis had taken over the third spot ahead of Warman, Mike Brownlee (Suz), Alan Spry (Suz) and John Laney (Hon). Team Honda's future hopeful, Shawn Kelly, found himself back in 12th after a miserable start, but first place was his goal as he began a charge for the front. John Day (Yam), who also sat in traffic on the first lap, began to work up from a first lap position in ninth. By lap three, Day and Kelly began breaking into the top five places as Warman faded slightly.

Just before midmoto, Newman and Brand controlled first and second place with a lot of daylight showing between third place rider, Brownlee. Kelly had just moved ahead of Davis and Brownlee into third when he fell. He got back up but lost several places as Davis, Brownlee and Day packed in behind the leaders. From there, Day challenged Davis for third and took it from him five laps later as Newman, Brand, Day, Davis and a very close Brownlee crossed the finish line at the end of the moto. Kelly finished seventh, behind sixth place Kirk Dillon.

The second 125cc Expert moto was run on Sunday with Newman and Brand copying their previous day's start. This time, however, David Jones (Hon) came from the outside with an apparent holeshot, but got the door closed on him by Newman, Brand and Day.

As Newman and Brand continued to fill the one-two spots to the finish, Day and Jones rode the first half of the moto in each other's shadows till Kelly moved into fourth at midmoto. Kelly couldn't muster any more of a charge to overtake Day and eventually fell behind Jones into fifth, just ahead of Keith Davis.

At the finish, Day had a five second cushion on his shadow rival, Jones, as Kelly and Davis followed across the line in the top six positions. Brownlee, Jerry Surber, John Laney and Kirk Dillon followed. The 125cc Expert overalls went to Newman (1-1), Brand (2-2), Day (3-3), Davis (4-6) and Brownlee (5-7).

Colorado's Boo Stichter, riding for KTM America, made believers out of everyone that holding off Hannah at a recent AMA 250 National in Colorado was no fluke — he got the lead from the start and took it to a 250cc Expert win.

Fourteen-year-old flyweight, Kawasaki rocketman Ronnie Warman followed Stichter off the start with Howard Racing sponsored riders Roger Brown and Derek Wedding battling their Hondas for third. Warman's super start came to a speedy halt when mechanical difficulties forced him to retire.

Kent Howerton not only got a so-so start, he was also T-boned by another rider during the first lap, breaking his right shock off its lower mount. Howerton was able to continue, with with a distinct disadvantage, with only one shock, somewhere back in 20th place.

Maico rider Parry Klassen took over Warman's place in second as Stichter continued to lead. Brown, Wedding, Kirk Spencer (Yam), Steve Stackable (Yam) and Maby McIntyre (Yam) followed in the hot Abilene sand.

The order of riders remained the same 'till the ninth lap when Brown fell in a sandy turn, dislodged his plastic gas tank, and was forced to DNF when his hot pipe burned a hole in the gas tank.

One lap later "Short Stack" Stackable was forced to retire from fifth on an LOP Yamaha when something mechanical went foul. After Brown and Stack stepped out, the order became; Stichter, Klassen, Wedding, Spencer and a hard-charging John Day, who had come from a first lap 13th position. By the 12th of a 17-lap race, Day was fifth and Howerton was bulldogging his damaged RM in seventh. The finish line flagman watched Stichter cross in front with Klassen, Wedding, Spencer, Howerton and Day rounding out the top six.

After a hour-hour plus delay of the second 250cc Expert moto (for a stuck watering truck in the first turn) Parry Klassen crossed the cable starting gate and led Kirk Spencer, Darren Rhoten (Hon), Nick Cordova (Hon) and Roger Brown (Hon) through the first turn. Howerton moved into fifth on the first lap and into third on lap two as Rhoten copped the lead from Klassen.

First moto winner Boo Stichter was in fifth behind Cordova when Howerton began reeling in Rhoten. Howerton did a lot of reeling and spent most of the race looking for a line around Rhoten's Honda. The "Rhinestone Cowboy" passed Rhoten in a straightaway on the 14th of 17 laps, but lost the lead again at the end of the straight as Rhoten held it on a bit longer before braking. On the following lap Howerton had the lead and Rhoten faded slightly, settling for second at the finish ahead of Klassen, Stackable, Stichter and Monte Anderson (Mai), who had worked up from an early 10th place.

Klassen took the 250cc Expert overall with 2-3 finishes, while Howerton, who earned second with 5-1 finishes, found it much easier to win the second moto with complete suspension. Stichter took third (1-5), Derek Wedding fourth (3-8) and Kirk Spencer fifth (4-9).

Parry Klassen was outstanding early on in both Open Expert motos, but Team Suzuki's Kent Howerton rolled over him midway through both motos for perfect wins, giving Klassen the runner-up role in the Open Expert winner's circle.

Klassen led Roger Brown (Suz), Mitch Milson (KTM) and Moto-X Fox's up and coming speedster Randy

Kirschbaum (Mai) through the early paces. Kirschbaum, having been plagued with bad luck and breakdowns, recently switched to a Maico and picked up Jimmy Bester of Dallas to keep the nuts and bolts tight on his scooter.

While Klassen led on lap one, Howerton and Stackable were dicing for seventh place behind John Day and Bob Myers (Mai). Lap three was Kirschbaum's undoing as he fell and loaded up the Moto-X Fox Maico, rejoining the race back in 17th place. John Day moved into third as Roger Brown followed Klassen, and Howerton closed on Day.

A few laps later Howerton passed Klassen for the lead, followed by Day, Brown and Myers. While Howerton pulled away, Myers stepped off his bike real hard, breaking both bones of his lower leg while in fifth place. The first moto finishers were Howerton, Klassen, Day, Stackable, Maby McIntyre and Brown.

Mark Rakestraw (Mai), Kirk Spencer (Yam) and Monte Anderson (Mai) ate Klassen's dust off the second Open Expert start while Howerton was just back in fourth. Dallas based Rakestraw put pressure on Klassen during the early laps while Howerton came around in 12th place on lap two, apparently after a get-off. Monte Anderson held third as Spencer dropped to fifth.

Kirschbaum and Howerton began surges from ninth and 12th respectively with Howerton closing on the leader and overtaking him on the 11th lap. Kirschbaum had moved up to fifth when the checkered flag flew with Howerton in front, followed by Klassen, Anderson and Rakestraw. The "Rhinestone Cowboy" from San Antonio earned overall honors with a perfect 1-1 score, followed by Klassen in second (2-2), John Day in third (3-6), Monte Anderson in fourth (7-3) and Steve Stackable in fifth (4-7). Kirschbaum finished sixth overall with 9-5 placings in his motos.

Results

MINI MINI: 1. Matt Mitcheltree (Suz); 2. Brant Wedding (Ita).

MINI JR: 1. Trent Atwood (Yam); 2. David Walker (Yam); 3. Krooker Greenwalt (Yam); 4. Vernon Stutts (Suz); 5. Brian McGary (Yam).

MINI SR: 1. Greg Fouts (Suz); 2. Morris Troxell (Suz); 3. Carroll Richardson (Suz); 4. Mike McIntyre (Yam); 5. Bryan Taylor (Yam).

100cc: 1. Bryan Taylor (Yam); 2. Jerry Skinner (Suz); 3. Greg Fouts (Suz); 4. Ernie Kerr; 5. Frank Danielson (Suz).

125 JR: 1. Jimmy Barker (Suz); 2. Pat Quintana (Yam); 3. Marvin Shockey (Kaw); 4. John Atkins (Kaw); 5. Kenny Bolen (Kaw).

125 INT: 1. Davey Myers (Suz); 2. Bud McInnis (Hon); 3. Dewayne Bennett (Suz); 4. Bryan Jackson (Kaw); 5. Medric Scivicque (Hon).

125 EX: 1. Mel Newman (Suz); 2. Dennis Brand (Hon); 3. John Day (Yam); 4. Keith Davis (Hon); 5. Mike Brownlee (Suz).

250 JR: 1. James Pacheco (Yam); 2. Bruce King (Hon); 3. Wyatt Seals; 4. Lonnie Hale; 5. Wayne Green (Hus).

250 INT: 1. Billy Joe Howe (Suz); 2. Kelly Glenn (Yam); 3. Jody Ward (Yam); 4. Mike Smith (Hon); 5. Louis Wooley (Kaw).

250 EX: 1. Parry Klassen (Mai); 2. Kent Howerton (Suz); 3. Boo Stichter (KTM); 4. Derek Wedding (Hon); 5. Kirk Spencer (Yam).

OVER 30: 1. Tracy Womack (Suz); 2. Charles W. Dall (Yam); 3. Robert Stout (KTM).

OPEN INT: 1. Dan Lackey (Yam); 2. Gary Chandler (Mai); 3. J.T. Crawford II (Yam); 4. Kevin Wilton (Yam); 5. Jay Stockton (C-A).

OPEN EX: 1. Kent Howerton (Suz); 2. Parry Klassen (Mai); 3. John Day (Yam); 4. Monte Anderson (Mai); 5. Steve Stackable (Yam).

Mid-westerners qualify for Amateur TT National

By Dick Ainsworth

LAKE KANOPOLIS STATE PARK, KS, JULY 22

The Salina Coyotes M.C. had worked their track into excellent condition with plenty of oil to keep the dust down. The races were very good, as usual, and the club again deserves recognition for yet another job well done. Today's AMA Regional Championship came off without a hitch.

Oklahoma's Kreg Hunt took the lead in the 250cc final but Wichita's Tim Newby zapped him quickly and cleanly with an outside pass in a right-hand sweeper and began to open up a big lead. Larry Wakefield held third up to the last lap when Scott Novotny got by. Newby ran away from Hunt and had built up a 100 yard lead at the finish.

The all four-stroke 500cc final thumped off the line with Gary Schlickau leading Bill Snyder and Todd Ratliff while Doug Crawford and his box stock Honda held fourth over Kreg Hunt. On lap six Snyder closed on Schlickau but he never got by as Schlickau set a new one lap track record of 40.3 erasing the old mark of 40.5, held jointly by Tim Lindfors and Dennis Byrne. Schlickau, Snyder and Ratliff took the top three spots and qualified for the Amateur TT National to be held at Ascot Park in Gardena, California, in August.

Lindfors ran away with the Open final (as expected by most) but Gary McArthur, Mark Kumle, Ralph Lee and Doug Crawford put on a heck of a battle for second. "Crash" McArthur held them all off and Kumle got by Crawford for third.

Roger Schellenberger took a big lead in the 125cc fray and Ross Duncan and Todd Ratliff moved up to challenge him for the lead. Eddie Hillman and Mike Shown crashed but Hillman got back into it in fifth place. On the last lap Ratliff got by Duncan for second.

Dallas Babcock ran away from the 200cc battles while Roger Schellenberger worked his way up from fifth to pass Scott Novotny for second on the last lap on the front chute.

Results

100cc: 1. Ross Duncan (Yam).

125cc: 1. Roger Schellenberger (Yam); 2. Todd Ratliff (Yam); 3. Ross Duncan (Yam); 4. Jerry Hill (Yam); 5. Eddie Hillman (Yam).

200cc: 1. Dallas Babcock (Suz); 2. Roger Schellenberger (Yam); 3. Scott Novotny (Yam); 4. John Oyler (H-D); 5. Brian Doyle (H-D).

250cc: 1. Tim Newby (Yam); 2. Kreg Hunt (Yam); 3. Scott Novotny (Yam); 4. Larry Wakefield (Bul); 5. Greg Bean (Yam).

360cc: 1. Bill Snyder (Bul); 2. Mark Kumle (Bul).

500cc: 1. Gary Schlickau (Yam); 2. Bill Snyder (Hon); 3. Todd Ratliff (Yam); 4. Doug Crawford (Hon); 5. Kreg Hunt (Yam).

OPEN: 1. Tim Lindfors (H-D); 2. Gary McArthur (Tri); 3. Mark Kumle (Yam); 4. Doug Crawford (H-D); 5. Ralph Lee (Tri).

65cc MINI (7-11): 1. Scottie Scherb (Yam).

85cc MINI (7-11): 1. Scottie Scherb (Yam); 2. Terry Deboard (Yam).

85cc MINI: 1. Scott Murray (Yam); 2. D.C. Bruso, Jr. (Yam); 3. Mike Ahlstedt (Yam); 4. Eddie Hillman (Yam).

SCHOOLBOY 100cc (1-15): 1. Ross Duncan (Yam).

SCHOOLBOY 125cc (12-15): 1. Roger Schellenberger (Yam) 2. Ross Duncan (Yam).

Wichita MX wins to Holem and Layton

By Dick Ainsworth

WICHITA, KS, JULY 21

The track was in excellent condition with the weather and tem perature just as good. In other words, it was ideal! The Jeeps really do it up right. This was the first race of another of their two-day MX weekends.

The 125cc Experts exploded out of the gate, flew through the switchback and Barry Holem and Wes Kluckner emerged side-by-side in mid-air going over the double jump. Kluckner took the lead and held it until lap three when he bobbled going onto the bridge where Holem and Tim Schultz got by. But, 100 yards later, Schultz fell off after the double jump and Steve Hendricks took over second. It was now a three way battle for the lead with Holem leading Hendricks and Kluckner. Holem won by three bike lengths.

The last moto was a heart stopper, with Holem leading Schultz, Hendricks and Kluckner the entire distance. But it was a four-way fight all the way and at the end, all four riders were within 50 feet of each other with Schultz right on Holem's tail.

Brian Layton won both 250cc Expert motos in another one of his wire-to-wire sweeps. The first moto was a runaway, but Layton had to battle off Schultz for three laps in the last moto until Schultz slid wide in a turn and gave him some breathing room.

Mike Whitney ran away with the first 250cc Junior moto but had to chase Richard Crawford in the final. Whitney couldn't get by Crawford but got the overall win due to Crawford's ninth place in the first moto.

Results

125cc JR: 1. Don Sleezer (Suz); 2. Brent Nearhood (Yam); 3. Jim Ismert (Yam); 4. Roger Michler (Suz); 5. Dennis Rowl (Yam).

125cc EX: 1. Barry Holem (Yam); 2. Steve Hendricks (Yam); 3. Tim Schultz (Yam); 4. Wes Kluckner (Yam); 5. Jeff Russell (Suz).

250cc JR: 1. Mike Whitney (Yam); 2. Lyle Riedy (Yam); 3. David Rathbun (Yam); 4. John Mead (Suz); 5. Richard Crawford (Yam).

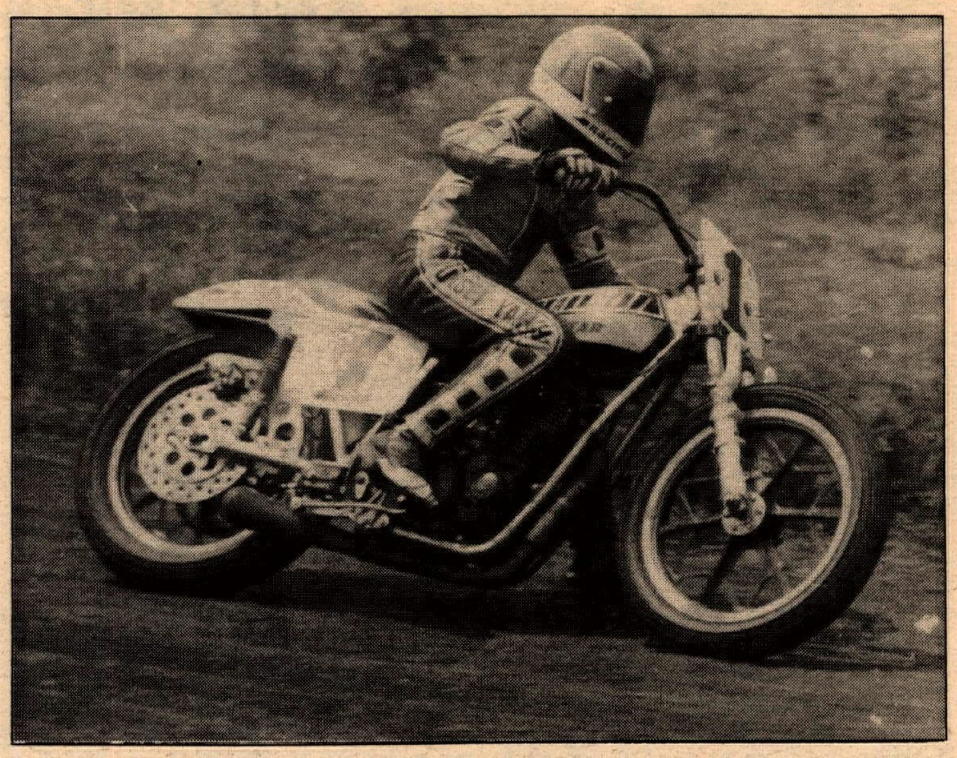
250cc EX: 1. Brian Layton (Suz); 2. Steve Hendricks (Yam); 3. Tim Schultz (Yam); 4. Dennis Scarff (Hon); 5. Bud Lee (Yam).

OPEN JR: 1. Bill Davis (Yam); 2. Doug Buller (Yam).

100cc: 1. Jim Hoover (Yam); 2. Chris Wall (Yam); 3. Bobby Michler (Suz).

MINI BEG: 1. Trey Holmes (Yam); 2. Trent Cantrell (Hon).

MINI SR: 1. Jim Rose (Suz); 2. Jim Hoover (Suz); 3. David LaFond (Suz); 4. Keith Sowalskie (Kaw); 5. Bobby Lowman (Suz).



Kreg Hunt aced the 250 and 500cc Amateur Regional Championships at Wichita.

Double Regional wins for Schellenberger and Hunt

By Dick Ainsworth

WICHITA, KS, JULY 14-15

The Wichita Jeeps M.C. continued their activity packed month of July with a two-day AMA Youth and Amateur Regional Championship Short Track. The Jeeps held an AMA Youth MX Regional on July 1, followed by the AMA National Championship Field Meet. This week it was short track time and next week they will have a two-day motocross. The Jeeps are a very busy bunch.

As expected, the track was in very good condition which made for some close side-by-side racing. And it suited several out-of-state riders who won over many local hotshoes who supposedly have the track wired. Arkansas' John Kocinski was the only double winner in minicycle competition on Saturday night. Sunday the big motors had their day.

Lightning fast Roger Schellenberger took both the 125cc and 200cc titles back to Texas with him; and this wasn't the first time he's won at Wichita. Oklahoma's Kreg Hunt might have a long ways to go before he wins any popularity contests with the fans and riders but he did win both the tough, talent packed 250cc and 500cc finals, showing good form and consistency. 1977 AMA Amateur Open Scrambles champ Tim Lindfors won the Open class on his XR-750 H-D over Gary McArthur, who has come out of retirement *again!* Ross Duncan, who won the 100cc Schoolboy class the night before, also took the 100cc class, giving Texas yet another win. Six-time KMSA number one Bill Snyder took his ol' Astro out of mothballs to win the 360cc class. ●

Results

OPEN: 1. Tim Lindfors (H-D); 2. Gary McArthur (Tri); 3. Mark Kumle (Yam); 4. Doug Crawford (H-D); 5. Richard Billioni (BSA).

500cc: 1. Kreg Hunt (Yam); 2. Todd Ratliff (Yam); 3. Gary Schlickau (Yam); 4. Bill Snyder (Hon); 5. Albert Tolle III.

250cc: 1. Kreg Hunt (Yam); 2. Albert Tolle III; 3. Bull Haynee; 4. Kirk England (Yam); 5. Todd Hilyard (Yam).

360cc: 1. Bill Snyder (Bul); 2. Mark Kumle (Yam); 3. Slammin Sammy Sweet; 4. Robert Taylor; 5. Keith Harris (Yam).

200cc: 1. Roger Schellenberger (Yam); 2. Kris Armentrout (Yam); 3. Renee Kennedy (Yam); 4. Dallas Babcock (Suz); 5. T. J. Houghton.

125cc: 1. Roger Schellenberger (Yam); 2. Ross Duncan (Yam); 3. Bull Haynie (Yam); 4. Kirk England (Yam); 5. Todd Ratliff (Yam).

100cc: 1. Ross Duncan (Yam); 2. Bret Rosenberg; 3. Jimmy Thompson; 4. Slamming Sammy Sweet.

85cc STOCK (12-14 AGE): 1. Duane Duball; 2. Mark Dougherty.

85cc MOD (12-14 YRS): 1. Scott Murray; 2. Jimmy Thompson; 3. Zeb Morton; 4. Charles Daniel; 5. Mike Ahlstedt.

100cc SCHOOLBOY: 1. Ross Duncan; 2. Albert Tolle III; 3. Jimmy Thompson; 4. Keith McCullough.

125cc SCHOOLBOY: 1. Roger Schellenberger; 2. Ross Duncan; 3. Kirk England; 4. Todd Hilyard; 5. Eddie Hillman.

50cc (6-8 YRS): 1. Jason Festavan; 2. Chris Blackwell; 3. Trace Polson III; 4. Jason Daniel; 5. Michael Hamsher.

65cc (7-11 YRS): 1. John Kocinski; 2. Scottie Scherg; 3. Todd Haas.

85cc STOCK (7-11 YRS): 1. Nickie Fontana; 2. Terry DeBeard; 3. Greg Duvall.

85cc MOD (7-11 YRS): 1. John Kocinski; 2. Nickie Fontana; 4. Scottie Scherb; 4. Todd Haas; 5. Dodd Dyson.

CALENDAR

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

AMA Winston Pro Series

8/12	RR/Pocono, PA
8/17	HM/Topeka, KS
8/19	HM/Des Moines, IA
8/25	Mile/Indianapolis, IN
8/26	Mile/Indianapolis, IN
9/9	Mile/Syracuse, NY
9/16	HM/Meadows, PA
9/23	Mile/San Jose, CA
9/29	HM/Gardena, CA

AMA/Toyota Supercross Series

Anaheim, CA

AMA National Motocross 125/250/500cc

8/12	125/500cc MX Binghamton, NY
8/19	125/500cc MX Charlotte, NC
8/26	125/500cc MX St. Petersburg, FL

AMA National Enduros

Eastern Region

8/12	100mi Nat'l Ithaca Dirt Riders New York
9/30	100 mi. Nat'l Columbia Enduro Riders South Carolina
11/14	Twin States Nat'l W. Kentucky Trail Riders Kentucky

Central Region

8/18-19	400 mi. Jack Pine Nat'l Lansing M.C. Michigan
10/7	Black Coal Nat'l IN, IL, KY, Enduro Riders Indiana

Western Region

10/7	100 mi. Nat'l Double Crossers M.C. California
10/14	100 mi. Nat'l Prairie Dawgs M.C. New Mexico
10/21	125 mi. Nat'l Mt. Baker M.C. Washington
10/28	100 mi. Nat'l Far West M.C. California
11/14	100 mi. Nat'l Redding Dirt Riders California

Trans-USA Series

9/23	Lexington, OH
9/30	Buchanan, MI
10/7	New Berlin, NY
10/14	Atlanta, GA
10/21	Sonoma, CA

125cc World Championship Motocross

8/12	Spain

250cc World Championship Motocross

8/12	Bulgaria

500cc World Championship Motocross

8/12	Luxembourg

World Championship Observed Trials

8/19	Sweden
8/26	Finland
9/16	Czechoslovakia

International six Days Trial

9/10	W. Germany

Trophee Des Nations

9/9	Stockholm, Sweden

Motocross Des Nations

9/2	Finland

Tourist Trophy World Championship Road Racing

8/18	50th Ulster GP/Ireland

Road Racing World Championship Grand Prix

8/12	England
8/18	Czechosovakia
9/2	France

World Championship F750 Road Racing

9/16	Holland
9/16	Belgium
9/23	W. Germany
9/30	Yugoslavia

European Endurance Championship

9/30	England

AMA/NATC Nat'l Trials

8/26	Arizona
9/1	Oregon
9/3	California

S.C.O.R.E. Off Road Racing

8/24-25-25	Off-Road World Champinships Riverside, CA
11 6-9.	Baja 1000 Baja, CA

1979 National Dragbike Racing Schedule

8/17-19	Summer Nationals Washington, DC I.D.B.A.
8/18-19	Goldenstate Classic Fremont, CA DRAGBIKE
9/3	U.S. Nationals Indianapolis, IN NHRA
9/21-23	Fall Nationals Seattle, WA NHRA
10/5-7	World Finals Ontario, CA NHRA
10/15-21	World Finals Gulf, MS I.D.B.A.
10/26-28	Wheels of Fortune Classic Las Vegas, NV DRAGBIKE

EVERY WEEK

Wednesday

CMC MOTOCROSS
Ascot Park, 18300 S. Vermont Ave., Gardena, CA. First race 7:30 p.m. Sign up 5-6:30, prac. 6-7 p.m. Entry $10. 150% Pro p.b. CMC license req. Trophies awarded Sptsmn. class. Adults watch for $3.50, Jrs. $2.50, kids $1.50. 714/557-3323, 213/323-5055.

CMC STADIUM STYLE MX
Fremont Raceway, Fremont, CA. All new track layout & surface + Supercross type drop back start gate. All classes. Entry $8/$10. Spectators $2, pit pass $1. Open 5 p.m., prac. 6:30, race 7:30. 415/355-4760, 651-2545.

CMC MOTOCROSS
Chula Vista, California. Speedway 117. Take I-5 or 805 S. from Chula Vista to Jct. 117, go E. 5½ mi. across from Brown Field Airport. Prac. 6-7 pm, sign-up 4:30-7 pm, 1st race 7:30 pm. Entry $10. 150% Pro p.b. Trophies Sptsmn. Spec. $3.50, under 14 $1.50. CMC license required. Info: Speedway 117, P.O. Box 995, Chula Vista, CA 92011. 714/420-7414.

Thursday

AMA CLASS A SPEEDWAY
Ascot Park, 18300 S. Vermont Ave., Gardena, CA. First race 8:00 p.m. Sign up 5 p.m. Adults watch for $3.75, Jrs. $2.50, kids $1.50, under 9 yrs. free. 213/321-5323, 323-5055.

R.A.C.E. NIGHT MOTOCROSS
Orange County International Raceway, Irvine, CA. Santa Ana Fwy. at Sand Canyon, San Diego Fwy. at Irvine Center Dr. Gate open 5:00 p.m., prac. 6, race 7. Entry RACE memb. $6; non-memb. $8; Pros $15. Admission not included. Gate fee adults $3/students $2/kids $1. 30% brass. 100% Pro p.b. 714/836-5685.

WASHINGTON

AMA MOTOCROSS
Bellingham, WA. Exit 255 1 mi. E, L on Hannogan Rd., 1 mi. Mini thru Open classes. Entry $5.50. Mt. Baker MC, PO Box 132, Bellingham, WA 98225. 206/733-1694.

Friday

CALIFORNIA

AMA NIGHT SCRAMBLES
Sand Hill Ranch, Brentwood, CA. Corner Camino Diablo & Vasco Rd. All classes. Gates open 4:00 p.m., prac. 6:15, race 7. 415/634-3328, 634-1667.

R.A.C.E. MOTOCROSS
Corona Rcwy., Hwy. 91 & Buchanan, Corona, CA. Mini thru Open, 100% p.b. to Ex. 714/689-1913, 735-1705.

CMC ORANGE SHOW STADIUM MOTOCROSS
San Bernardino, CA. Orange Show Grounds at San Bernardino Fwy. & Orange Show Rd. Pro/Am classes. Trophies. Entry $10. Gate opens 5:00 p.m., prac. 6, race 7:30 p.m. For info: K. Rutherford, P.O. Box 3072, Arcadia, CA 91006. 213/446-2241.

SACRAMENTO NIGHT MOTOCROSS
Sacramento Raceway, Excelsior Rd., S of Mather AFB, Sacto, CA. Gates open 5 p.m., prac. 6, race 7:30. Nov/Int/Pro : Ex 125, 250 & Open in each class. Separate races for Vets, OT & Minis. Pro-Ex cash. 30% brass awarded every race night. 150% Pro p.b. Entry $8. 916/363-2653.

SPEEDWAY
Costa Mesa, California. Orange County Fairgrounds. 8 pm. Info: 714/492-9933.

WASHINGTON

SIR NIGHT MOTOCROSS
Seattle International Raceway, Seattle, WA. All classes. BMX. Entry $8, $13 Pro. Prac. 6 p.m., race 7. 206/631-1550.

TEXAS

NIGHT MOTOCROSS
Mosier Valley Night MX, Euless, TX. 8:00 p.m. 214/245-4693.

SHORT TRACK
Ross Downs Short Track, Colleyville, TX. 8:00 p.m. Pro-Am. Located on NE side of Ft. Worth. 214/241-1359.

TEXAS MOTOCROSS
Rio Bravo MX Park, Houston, TX. 5 mi. E on E Mount Houston Rd., off Hwy. 59 North. All classes. Trophies thru 6 places to Am, Ex. 100% p.b. Entry $8. Swimming, showers, game room, grandstands. 713/458-0090.

NIGHT MOTOCROSS
Capitol City Night MX, Austin, TX. Adjacent to Austin MX Park, Hwy. 183 N of 7th Street. Race 8 p.m. 713/482-7593.

Saturday

CALIFORNIA

SHORT TRACK & TT SCRAMBLES
Perris Raceway, Perris, CA. Hwy. 74 to Ellis Ave., turn west ¼ mi., right on Burton Rd. Beginner thru Pro classes. Money race $8/p.b. Free camping. P.R.C., PO Box 1294, Perris, CA 92370. 714/657-4879.

SADDLEBACK SATURDAY MX
Saddelback Pk., Orange, CA. Gate opens 7:30 a.m., prac. 8-8:30, race 9. Pros race 40 min., others 30 min. Entry $9, Pros $13. No membership or mail entry req'd. 33.33% trophies. 714/495-4771.

TT SCRAMBLES RACES & MX PRACTICE
Elsinore Raceway, Lake Elsinore, CA. Hwy. 71, off at Lagonia St., btwn. Main St. exit & Railroad Cyn. Rd. Cash purse to Experts. 40% trophies to Sptsmn. class. For info: 174/674-2646, 676-4718.

D-36 STADIUM MOTOCROSS
Sand Hill Ranch, Brentwood, CA. Corner Camino Diablo & Vasco Rd. All classes. 80% Ex. purse. Entry $10. Experts pay $10 at gate, $5 at sign in. Gates open 4:30 p.m., sign up 5-6:30, prac. 6:30, race 7:15 p.m. Watch for $3. 415/634-3328; 634-1667.

WASHINGTON

P.A.R.A. MOTOCROSS
Woodland, Washington, 5 mi. E of I-5 on Hwy. 503. All classes. 100% Pro p.b. Entry $8.50 Am/$12.50 Pros. Home of Gresham Toyota Pro series. For info: Action OZ, Rt. 3, Box 379 E, Gresham, OR 97030. 503/665-6707.

PARA MOTOCROSS
Mtn. View Cycle Park, Sandy, OR. 5 mi. E of Sandy on Rude Rd. All classes. Gate open 8 a.m., prac. 9, race 10. Entry Pee Wees $5/Nov. $6/Int. $6.50/Pros $10. 100% Pro p.b. For info: PARA, PO Box 365, Sandy, OR 503/666-9438, 668-4851.

AMA TT
Bellingham, WA, exit 255 off I-5, 1 mi. E on Hannegan Rd., 1 mi. 80/125/250/750cc classes. ¼ mi. Semi Pro TT. Entry $6.50. Mt. Baker MC, PO Box 132, Bellingham, WA 98225. 206/733-1694.

OREGON

MOTOCROSS
Sandy, Oregon. Hwy. 211 Exit out of Sandy to Bornsted Rd. Follow signs. All classes. Gen. ad. $3.50. Entry Pee-Wee $5, Nov. $6.50, Inter. $6.50, Pro $10. 100% Pro p.b. Series trophies ea. class. Gate 8 am, prac. 9 am, race 10 am. Info: Mt. View Cycle Park, P.O. Box 365, Sandy, OR 97055. 688-4851.

Sunday

CALIFORNIA

TT/MX/SPeedway PRACTICE
Elsinore Raceway, Lake Elsinore, CA. Hwy. 71, off at Lagonia St., btwn. Main St. exit & Railroad Cyn. Rd. For info: 714/674-2646, 676-4718.

DeANZA MOTOCROSS
DeAnza Cycle Park, Sunnymead, CA. 10 mi. E of Riverside, CA on H-60 to Theodore off ramp. All classes. 30% same day trophies to Sptsmn. 100% trophies to minis & pee wees. Entry $12 Ex., $7 Sptsmn. Non-memb. add $2. Memb. not req. Pk open St. & Sun. for prac. Gates open 7 a.m., prac. 8:30, race 9:30 a.m. Free amping. 714/635-5840, 653-7979, 653-4558.

TEXAS

MOTOCROSS
Rio Bravo Motocross Park, Rio Bravo, TX. 5 mi. East on E. Mount Houston Rd., off 59 North. All classes. Trophies thru 8 places to Ams, Expert p.b. dependent on sign up. Entry $7 Am, $12 Ex. Prac. starts 7:30 a.m., race 11 a.m. Swimming pool, showers, game room. 713/458-0090.

WASHINGTON

CMC NORTHWEST MX
Settle International Rcwy., Kent, WA. 5 mi. E of Auburn on H-18. All classes. $1000 purse every week. $2000 in Amateur prizes. Fall $10,000 series. Entry $8 Am, $13 Pro. 206/631-1550.

August 10

CRC NIGHT MOTOCROSS
Indian Dunes, Valencia, CA. International track. Cash to Pros. Sign up 6 p.m., prac. 6:30, race 8 p.m. 30% brass to Sptsmn. Entry $8/Pros $13. 213/830-7519.

SUNNY VALLEY TT
Sunny Valley, OR. 11 mi. N of Grants Pass, then west on Leland Rd., off I-5 interchange. All classes. Entry $3 1st bike; $4 2nd bike; $2 pit pass. Sign in 5-6:30 p.m., prac. 5:30-6:30, races start 7:00 p.m. No late practice. 100% p.b.; money race. 503/479-8775; 479-2405.

AMA SEMI-PRO SHORT TRACK
14 mi. S. of Chico, California. Cycleland Speedway. Class C traction. Classes: All mini, 1-500. Gates open 4:30 pm, sign-up 5-7, prac. 5:30-7, race 7:30. Spec. $3, Under 12 $1, Rider $6, 2nd bike $3, Semi-Pro $3. 100% Exp. p.b. D-36 rules apply. Info: 916/342-6851 or 342-9302.

August 11

OMRRA ROAD RACE
Portland International Raceway, Portland, OR. North Portland, I-5 exit 306B. Prod. Cafe, GP classes. 100% p.b. in 250cc GP. Entry $15 1st class/$10 additional/$20 Money class. For info: Herman Kachold, 1556 SE Miller, Portland, OR 97202. 503/239-4289; 292-4511.

MOTOCROSS
Tucson, Arizona. Saguaro Raceway. Spectators $3. Under 12 free. Riders $10, Pros $15. Gates open 4 pm, prac. 5 pm, race 7 pm. Info: 602/296-4971.

TT
Boise, Idaho. Owyhee M/C Club. Located off Cartwright Rd. - Take Harrison Blvd. to Bogus Basin Rd. Prac. 6:30 pm, race 8 pm. INfo: P.O. Box 733, Boise, ID 83701. 208/376-3894 or 375-5956.

MOTOCROSS SCHOOL
Sunrise Valley Cycle Park. 1 mi. N. of Adelanto Ca on Hwy. 395. All classes welcome. Entry $15. Instructor George Spellman. For info: 714/887-1556.

D-36 STADIUM MOTOCROSS
Brentwood, California. Sand Hill ranch. Camino Diablo & Vasco Rd. All classes. Entry fee: $15 exp., $10 sptmn., $3 spec. 80% exp. p.b., 30% trophies. Gates open 4:30, race 7:30. Info: Rt. 2, Box 143-C, Brentwood, CA 94513. 415/634-3328, 634-1667 or 798-5695.

FLAT TRACK & TT
Sunny Valley Raceway, OR 11 mi. N of Grants Pass, OR, Sunny Valley Interchange on I-5, W. on Leland Rd. All classs. 100% p.b. money race. Entry $3 plus bike fee. Gates open 4:00 p.m., sign up 5-6:30, prac. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Races at 7:00 p.m. 503/476-8829.

August 12

WMRRA ROAD RACE
Seattle International Raceway, 7 mi. E of Kent, WA Hwy. 516. Prod. Cafe, GP road racing. For info: AMRRA, 13712 — 2nd NW, Seattle, WA 98177. 206/322-0440; 525-0600.

MOTOCROSS
Sayers MX Park, San Antonio, TX. From SA, TX take US 87 S to Sayers, TX. Take Stuart Rd. S 1½ mi. Follow signs. All classes. 100% to Ex. Entry $7/$10. Gate $3. Split program: Mini/Nov sign up 8:30, Int/Ex sign up 12:30. For info: DBCSA, 8635 Standing Bear, San Antonio, TX 78242. 512/623-4945.

AMA AMATEUR NATIONAL QUALIFIER
Riverfront Park, Marysville, CA. Marysville is 40 Riverfront Park, Marysville, CA. Marysville is 40 mi. N of Sacramento on Hwy. 70. Entrance to park is at 1st & F Street. Entry: Qualifier class $20; Sptsmn. support class $12; Exhibition Semi-Pro class $3 plus $15 to purse. Prac. 7:30 a.m., race 9. Qualifier class open to all Ex. riders not holding AMA Pro cd. in '78 or '79. Exhibition Pro class-ride what you bring-all sizes compete in same event. Support class all classes + minus/PP/Vet/OT. Free camping. 916/695-2727; 695-2088.

ARRA ROAD RACE
Riverside International Raceway, Riverside, CA. Hwy. 60 to Day St. GP Prod, Cafe & Vintage classes. Money & trophies. Pre entry $18/$9; post entry $22/$11. Join & enter same day. Med. ins. Spectators welcome. Pat Manning, 3407 W. Olive Ave., Suite 102, Burbank, CA 91505. 213/542-7433.

TIME & DISTANCE STREET RALLY
Start At Whittier Narrows Recreation Area Picnic Area B. 1 blk N of Pomona Fwy. (60) on Rosemead Blvd. (South El Monte CA). Sign up 8:00 a.m. Start 9:00 a.m. Entry $5. Fwy. legal cycle required. 80 mi. course. Gas available near start & finish. Enduro riders-sharpen up your timekeeping skills. All checkes timed to the second. Jerry Bailey: 213/448-8351.

BLACK HILLS MOTOR CLASSICS HALF MILE
Sturgis Fairgrounds, Sturgis, SD. Western Regional Half-Mile. For info: Black Hills Motor Classics, c/o Joseph F. Doyle, Box 296, Sturgis, SD 57785. 605/342-4545.

CRC MOTOCROSS
Saddleback Park, Orange, CA. All classes, 2 motos each. Cash p.b. to Pros, 30% brass to sptsmn. Entry $9/$13 Pros. Gates open 7 a.m., prac. 8, race 9:30. CRC memb. req. 213/830-7519.

MMA COW PALACE MC SWAP MEET
Cow Palace, San Francisco, CA. Open 8:00 am to sellers, 11:00 a.m. to general admission. Closes 4:30 p.m. Live band/FOOD/drinks. General admission $3. Booth space (10x10) $15/or 2 for $25. Advance booth reservations must be received no later than Aug. 1, 1979. For advance booth res. info: MMA Special Events Division, PO Box 1576, Pacifica, CA 94044. 916/442-4727.

RESCUE 3 BENEFIT/TEAM HARE SCRAMBLES
Lucerne Valley, CA. Limed from "Y" Cafe. D-37/AMA sanction. All classes welcome. Entry $11. Rover M.C. For info: 213/896-6206; 335-9656; 805/252-6392.

SRAC MOTOCROSS
Lakewood Sportscycle Park, Lakewood, CO. West Alemeda & Rooney Rd. (Hwy. 74), 1 mi. E of Hog Black Mtn. on south side of Alemeda. All classes. "B" trophies, 100% "A" p.b. Entry $9 "A"/$7 all others. Gates open 7:00 a.m., sign up closes 9:30-$10 for late sign-ups. For info: Sally McCleary, 1319 Sheridan, Lakewood, CO 90215. 303/238-9648.

MOTOCROSS
Sunrise Valley Cycle Park, 2 mi. N of Adelanto, CA on Hwy. 395. All classes welcome. Entry $8/$12 Pros. MX School on Saturday — starts at noon. FOR INFO: Nick Brasevich, 15224 7th St., Victorville, CA 714/235-7339.

AME MOTOCROSS
Indian Dunes, Valencia, CA. AME lic. req. Post entry only $9/$13. Gates open 7, prac. 8, race 9:00 a.m. AME, P.O. Box 1421, Reseda, CA 91335. 213/881-5778.

PARA/WASHOUGAL MX
Camas Hwy. E of Vancouver, WA to Washougal, WA. Follow signs. Gate open 7 a.m., race 10 a.m. Entry $8 Jr/Nov; $13 Pros. $3.50 gate fee. 100% Pro p.b. by moto down 8. 30% brass. For info: PARA, 7100 S.W. Hampton, Suite 121, Tigard, OR 97223. 503/620-5301.

DeANZA MOTOCROSS
DeAnza Cycle Park, Sunnymead, CA. 10 mi. E of Riverside, CA on H-60 to Theodore off ramp. All classes. 30% same day trophies to Sptsmn. 100% trophies to minis & pee wees. Entry $12 Ex., $7 Sptsmn. Non-memb. add $2. Memb. not req. Pk open Sat. & Sun. for prac. Gates open 7 a.m., prac. 8:30, race 9:30 a.m. Free camping. 714/635-5840, 653-7979, 653-4558.

CMC MOTOCROSS
Carlsbad Raceway, Carlsbad, CA. All classes. Gates open 7 a.m., sign up 7-9, prac. 8-9, first race 9 a.m. Jr/Int entry $8 mail, $10 post, Pros $13 mail,, $15 post. Mail entry to: CMC, P.O. 1402, Costa Mesa, CA 92626. 714/557-3323.

AME MINI MOTOCROSS
Indian Dunes, Valencia, CA. Post entry $9. All classes. Gates open 7 am, prac. 8, race 9 am. 30% brass. AME lic. req. For info: AME, PO Box 1421, Reseda, CA 91335. 213/881-5778.

ZAP/CMC MOTOCROSS
Fremont Raceway, Fremont, CA. Hwy. 17 to Durham Rd. turnoff; go W 2 blks to track. All classes. Gates open 7:00 a.m., prac. 8:30, race 9:30 a.m. Entry $10 Sptsmn. 30% trophies. Pros $15. 100% p.b. No O/N camping. No gate fees. For info: 415/355-4760; 651-2546.

ADRA 4th ANNUAL SNOWFLAKE 100-HARE SCRAMBLES
Arizona. At "Aripine Arizona" mi. post 318 on the Heber/Snowflake Rd. 20 classes. Pre-entry ADRA mem. $20, non-mem. $25, 1 lap classes $10. Post entry ADRA mem. $25, non-mem. $30. Info: ADRA,

1408 E. Granada, Phoenix, AZ 85006 206/252-1900.

D-36 SAND HILL/ARGYLL MOTOCROSS SERIES
Argyll Park, Dixon, CA. Starting gate at both tracks. Riders must race all 6 events to qualify for final trophies & prizes. Moped awarded to 2 largest pt. paying class winners. Contingency prizes at each event. No riders ins. Mini thru Open & PP classes. Gates open 6:30 a.m., sign up 7 prac. 8:15, race 9. Entry: Sptsmn. $11, Ex. $15-80% p.b., spectators $4. For info: 916/678-3592; 678-9956.

August 12-17

DONNER TRIALS SCHOOL
Donner Ski Ranch, Norden, CA. Instructors Mark Eggar & Norm Sayler. Five day schools include lessons, riding privileges, meals & sleeping accommodations. Reservation deposit $25. For info: Donner Trials School, Donner Ski Ranch, PO Box 66, Norden, CA 95724. 916/426-3578.

August 13-17

RUSS DARNELL MX SCHOOLS
Saddleback Park, Orange, CA. 5-day training camp. Entry $125 per student/$25 deposit. For info: Russ Darnell MX Schools, 9225 Telfair Ave., Sun Valley, CA 91352. 213/767-1854, 367-1722.

August 14

SHORT TRACK
Boise, Idaho. Owyhee M/C Club. Located off Cartwright Rd. - Take Harrison Blvd. to Bogus Basin Rd. Prac. 6:30 pm, race 8 pm, Info: P.O. Box 733, Boise, ID 83701. 208/376-3894 or 375-5956.

August 16

ODYSSEY/ATC OFF ROAD & ¼ MILE
Corona, CA. Corona Raceway. 91 Fwy. at Buchanan. All classes, off road & ¼ mi. 30% trophies. Entry $6 mem., $7 new mem. Open 5:30, prac. 6:30, race 7:30. P.O. Box 388, Corona, CA 91720. 714/735-1705 or 689-1913.

August 17

AME NIGHT MINI MX
Indian Dunes, Valencia, CA. Post entry $7. Prac. 7 pm, race 8 pm. All classes. 30% brass. AME lic. req. For info: AME, PO Box 1421, Reseda, CA 91335. 213/881-5778.

AME NIGHT MOTOCROSS
Indian Dunes, Valencia, CA. AME license required. Post entry only, $8. Gates open 5 p.m., prac. 7, race 8 p.m. AME, PO Box 1421, Reseda, CA 91335. 213/881-5778.

ATC/ODYSSEY/TT
Chula Vista, California. Speedway 117. Take I-5 or 805 S. from Chula Vista to Jct. 117, go E. 5½ mi. across from Brown Field Airport. Sign-up 5-7 pm, 1st race 8 pm, prac. 6:30-7:30 pm. Info: Speedway 117, P.O. Box 995, Chula Vista, CA 92011. 714/420-7414.

August 18

SUNNY VALLEY TT
Sunny Valley Raceway, Sunny Valley, OR, 11 mi. N of Grants Pass on I-5 at Sunny Valley, W on Leland Rd. All classes welcome. Entry $6 1st bike, $4 2nd bike. Sundowner Races: Sign up 3 p.m., prac. 3:30, race at 5 p.m. 503/476-8829; 479-2504.

AMA SHORT TRACK
Hills Ferry Speedway, Morgan Hill, CA. Hills Ferry Rd. & River Rd. Newman. Hwy. 5, take Stuhr exit. All classes including minis. Entry $5. ¼ mi. track, class C traction. Hills Ferry Speedway, Rt. 2, Box 612A, Morgan Hill, CA 408/463-0548.

NIGHT MX/SDRA
Star Track. From downtown El Paso, take I-10 N. to Mesa Exit. Left (West) on Mesa to NM 273 (Dead end at Santa Teresa Country Club). Right on NM 273 for 2 mi. Star Track on the right. Fees Mini-mini $5, Ex. $9, all others $7. Gate fee $2. 1979 SDRA membership required @ $15. Gate opens 4:30, prac. 5:30, 1st race 7:00. $300 purse. $100 per class, 7 riders per class minimum. 100% p.b. for less than 7 riders. Restrooms, prepared track, gate open for ONers. 239 Alvarez, El Paso, TX 79932.

AMA AMATEUR & SEMI PRO MX
Castle Rock, WA. Races start at 8:00 p.m. $600 purse. For more info: Mt. St. Helens MC, 206/274-8700, 274-4836.

CRRC 4-HR ENDURANCE ROAD RACE
Texas World Speedway, College Station, Texas. WERA sanctioned. 4-Production & Cafe classes. 3 trophies in each class. $40 entry fee for each 2-5 man team. CRRC, 3305 Roschdale, Houston, TX 77025. 512/447-1120.

AME NIGHT MINI MX
Sprockets Park, Bakersfield, CA. Post entry $9. Gates open 6 pm, prac. 7 pm, race 8 pm. Free o/n camping. 30% brass. AME lic. req. For info: AME, PO Box 1421, Reseda, CA 91335. 213/881-5778.

AME NIGHT MOTOCROSS
Sprockets Park, Bakersfield, CA. Entry $8, Pro $11. Pb to pros, 30% brass. Prac. 7 p.m., race 8. AME lic. req'd. Free O/N camping. AME, P.O. Box 1421, Reseda, CA 91335. 213/881-5778.

AMA SEMI-PRO SHORT TRACK
14 mi. S. of Chico, California. Cycleland Speedway. Class C Traction. Classes: All mini, I-500. Gates open 4:30 pm, sign-up 5-7, prac. 5:30-7, race 7:30. Spec. $3, Under 12 $1, Riders $6, 2nd bike $3, Semi-pro $3. 100% exp. p.b. D-36 rules apply. Info: 916/342-6851 or 342-9302.

FLAT TRACK & TT
Tucson, Arizona. Saguaro Raceway. Honda ATC & Odyssey races. Spec. $3, Riders $10, Pros. $15. Gates open 4 pm, prac. 5 pm, race 7 pm. Info: 602/296-4971.

D-36 STADIUM MOTOCROSS
Brentwood, California. Sand Hill Ranch. Camino Diablo & Vasco Rd. All classes. Entry fee: $15 exp., $10 sptmn., $3 spec. 80% exp. p.b., 30% trophies. Gates open 4:30, race 7:30. INFO: Rt. 2, Box 143-C, Brentwood, CA 94513. 415/634-3328, 634-1667 or 798-5695.

AMA MARATHON
Sand Hill Ranch, Brentwood, CA. Camino Diablo & Vasco Rd. 100/125/250/Open classes. $25 overall winner. Entry $6 + $3 for riders; $4 to watch. All riders ride together, scored separately. Sign up 8:00 a.m., prac. 9:30, race 10-12 noon. 30% brass. 415/63-3328; 798-5695.

August 18-19

NATIONAL VETERANS CUP
Spillway Park, Santa Maria, CA. Open to all chapters of Old Timers, Over The Hill Gang, Veterans (over 30 yrs), Sidehacks. Sat: GP on desert course. 1 hr. + 1 lap per event. All classes + support classes. Sat. nite: Santa Maria style rib bar-b-que. $3 per person + free beer! Sun: 2-30 min. motos each class. Ladies, minis thru Open Ex. Super trophies, 30% brass. Free camping. Entry $11 per day. Gate fee $3 per person. Kids under 8 yrs. free. Gene Dunne 805/937-6171.

August 19

D-36 MOTOCROSS
Oasis Raceway, Clear Lake, CA. Gate opens at daylight, sign up 7 a.m., prac. 7:45, race 8:30 a.m. Entry $10 Nov/Jr/Ex. 2nd bike $6. Pros $18. Trophies for Sptsmn., $15 of entry paid back to Pros. General adm. $3.50. O/N camping $3 per vehicle. Oasis Raceway, PO Box 1748, Clearlake Highlands, CA 95422. 707/994-4175.

1979 WOMENS MOTOCROSS NATIONALS
Carlsbad Raceway, Carlsbad, CA. Pro/Am/Nov/Beg classes. Entry $12/$17 Ex. Pit Tootsie race $6. Pay back to Pros, trophies to all other classes. For entry info: Vickie Miller Haag, 2167 El Dora St., Lemon Grove, CA 92045. 714/462-9395.

D-36 SCRAMBLES
Salinas Airport, Salinas, CA. Hwy. 101 & Airport Blvd. All classes plus minis. Entry $7. 100% p.b. to Ex. Prac 10:30, race noon. 408/394-8225; 899-2401.

D-37 MOTOCROSS
Elsinore Raceway, Lake Elsinore, CA. On Hwy. 71 off at Lagonia St. btwn. Main St. & Railroad Cyn. Rd. All classes. 100% p.b. to Pros. Entry $15 Pros, $9 others. Gate open 6:00 a.m., prac. 7-8. For info: 213/567-7736 or 714/496-8779.

MOTOCROSS
Boise, Idaho. Owyhee M/C Club. Located off Cartwright Rd.-Take Harrison Blvd. to Bogus Basin Rd. Prac. 8 am, race 10 am. Info: P.O. Box 733, Boise, ID 83701. 208/376-3894 or 375-5956.

AME CALIFORNIA MINICYCLE SERIES
Cycle Haven, Long Beach, CA. Contingencies from U.S. Suzuki. Win a Suzuki-prises from S&W & Duralube. Mail entry Pee Wee $10. All other classes $15 (2 or more $12). Post entry $20. AME memb. req. Gate open 7:00 a.m., prac. 8, race 9. Al mini classes up to 125cc. 30% trophies. Mail entry deadline Aug. 15. O/N camping. AME, PO Box 1421, Reseda, CA 91335. 213/881-5778.

CRRC REGIONAL ROAD RACE
Texas World Speedway, College Station, TX. WERA sanctioned. 14-Production, Cafe & GP classes. 6 trophies in each class. $16 1st entry, $8 each additional class. CRRC, 3305 Roschdale, Houston, TX 77025. 512/447-1120.

ITA TRIALS
Saddleback Park, Orange, CA. All classes. Entry $9/$7 memb. 1st time Beginner class $7. 40% medals. For info: Jean Fredette, 501 E. Orangethorpe #4 Pine, Anaheim, CA 92801. 714/874-0570.

MOTOCROSS
Clarkia, Idaho. 85 miles S. of Spokane, Wash. 50-Open, Am. & Pro. Entry Am. $8.50, Pro. $10.50. 100% p.b. to Pros. Am. trophies only. Prac. 10 am, race 11 am. Info: Fossil Bowl, Box 113, Clarkia, ID 83812. 208/245-3670.

D-36 MOTOCROSS
Watsonville, California. Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds. Hwy. 152 (Hekcer Pass Rd.) E. of Watsonville. 100cc & Up. Ex. 100% p.b. Ex. $15. N-A $8 + gate for all. Sign-up 6 am-8:30, race 9 am. Info: 408/475-3619.

DeANZA MOTOCROSS
DeAnza Cycle Park, Sunnymead, CA. 10 mi. E of Riverside, CA on H-60 to Theodore off ramp. All classes. 30% same day trophies to Sptsmn. 100% trophies to minis & pee wees. Entry $12 Ex., $7 Sptsmn. Nonmemb. add $2. Memb. not req. Pk open Sat. & Sun. for prac. Gates open 7 a.m., prac. 8:30, race 9:30 a.m. Free camping. 714/635-5840, 653-7979, 653-4558.

CMMC MINI MOTOCROSS
Barona Oaks Raceway, Ramona, CA. Hwy. 67 to Lakeside E. on Mapleview, N on Ashwood, up Wildcat Canyon Rd., 11 mi. O/N camping. Sign up closes 8:00 a.m. sharp. Late entry $10, guest entry $13. Membership $10. 714/496-2568, 488-7885.

CMC MOTOCROSS
Saddleback Park, Orange, CA. Gate opens 7:30 a.m., sign up 8-9, prac 8-9, first race 9:30 a.m. Junior & Intermediate entry $8 mail, $10 post. Pros $13 mail, $15 post. Mail entry to: CMC, P.O. Box 1402, Costa Mesa, CA 92626. 714/557-3323.

CRC MOTOCROSS
Indian Dunes, Valencia, CA. I-5 to H-126. All classes, 2 long motos & cash for Pros. 2 motos & 30% brass for sptsmn. Entry $9/$13 Pros. Gates open 7 a.m., prac. 8, race 9:30. Membership req. 213/830-7519.

August 20-24

RUSS DARNELL MX SCHOOL
DeAnza Cycle Park, Sunnymead, CA. 5-day training camp. Entry $125 per student/$25 deposit. For info: Russ Darnell MX Schools, 9225 Telfair Ave., Sun Valley, CA 91352. 213/767-1854, 367-1722.

RUSS DARNELL MX SCHOOL
Rio Bravo, Houston, TX. 5-day training camp. Entry $125 per student/$35 deposit. For info: Russ Darnell MX Schools, 9225 Telfair Ave., Sun Valley, CA 91352. 213/767-1854, 367-1722.

August 23

R.A.C.E. HALF MI & TT
Corona, CA. Corona Raceway. 91 Fwy. at Buchanan, off on Pierce to Magnolia, rt. to Buchanan. Turn rt. All classes + sptsmn. & Pro. 30% trophies. P.b. on $5. Entry $6, $5 Sptsmn. Open 5:30, prac. 6:30, race 7:30. Info: P.O. Box 388, Corona, CA 91720. 714/735-1705 or 689-1913.

August 24

ATC/ODYSSEY/TT
Chula Vista, California. Speedway 117. Take I-5 or 805 S. from Chula Vista to Jct. 117,

CALIFORNIA RACING CLUB PRESENTS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 1979
GOLD MEDAL CRC ONE DAY TRIAL
• CHARLIES PLACE – RED MOUNTAIN
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• 100 MILS – 3 LOOPS
• START 8 A.M.
SIMPLIFIED ISDT SCORING
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Anyone can enter: desert racer, enduro rider. Beginners, novices, and C enduro riders go 2 loops. Amateur, expert, and A & B enduro riders go 3 loops, women go 2 loops, minis go 1 loop. 2 riders per minute starting at 8:00 a.m. Expert and A riders go first, beginners and C riders last. No tire changing, no street legal. Impound bikes at 7 a.m.
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CRC, 7601 Arlington Ave., Riverside, CA 92503 CRC ENTRY FORM 714/689-6114 DAYS
Name ____ Phone ____ Age ____
Address ____ City ____ State ____ Zip ____
Make of Motorcycle ____ Gold Medal
CHECK ONE: Mini ☐ 200 cc ☐ 250 cc ☐ Open ☐ Jr. Sr. (+30 years old) ☐ Senior (+40 years old) ☐ Women ☐
CHECK ONE: Desert: Beginner ☐ Novice ☐ Amatures ☐ Expert ☐ Enduro: C Riders ☐ B Riders ☐ A Riders ☐
3 man Team Name ____
Name of Team Members ____

8th ANNUAL ALL MOTORCYCLE DRAG RACES
Saturday Night Aug. 18 Wichita International Raceway
61st St. North & Ridge Rd. Gates Open 12 P.M. Elim. 8 P.M.
Entry & Rider $15.00
Gen. Adm. & Pit Pass $5.00
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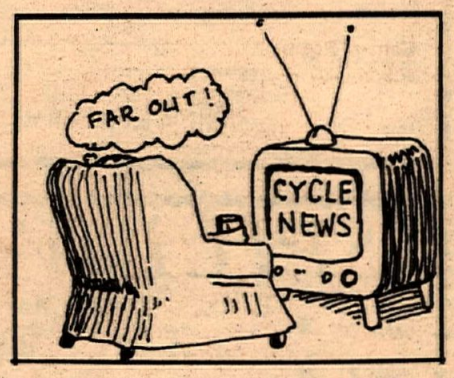

CRC Motocross Race Schedule
Aug. 12 – Saddleback
Aug. 19 – Indian Dunes
Aug. 26 – Saddleback
Sept. 2 – Indian Dunes
Sept. 9 – Saddleback
Sept. 16 – Indian Dunes
Every 2nd & 4th Friday Nights
Indian Dunes Motocross
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*** SRA GP SCHEDULE ***
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Sept. 30 Riverside
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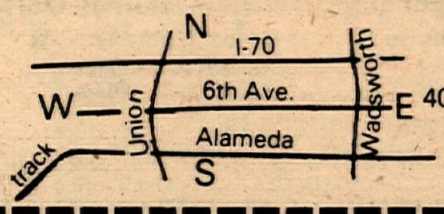

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Aug. 26—Antelope Ramblers European Scrambles
Sept. 1&2—Dirt Diggers Grand Prix
Sept. 9 —Stump Jumpers Hare & Hound

go E. 5½ mi. across from Brown Field Airport. Sign-up 5-7 pm, 1st race 8 pm., prac. 6:30-7:30 pm. Info: Speedway 117, P.O. Box 995, Chula Vista, CA 92011. 714/420-7414

CRC NIGHT MOTOCROSS
Indian Dunes, Valencia, CA. International track. Cash to Pros. Sign up 6 p.m., prac. 6:30, race 8 p.m. 30% brass to Sptsmn. Entry $8/Pros $13. 213/830-7519.

August 24-26

OFF-ROAD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 1979
Riverside International Raceway, California. 5 M/C classes, 13 4-wheel classes. Jeep celebrity Challenge III with 8 movie, TV and sports celebs. Fireworks show. Info: SCORE, 31332 Via Colinas, Suite 103, Westlake Village, CA 91361.

August 25

MOTOCROSS
Tucson, Arizona. Saguaro Raceway. Spectators $3. Under 12 free. Riders $10, Pros $15. Gates open 4 pm, prac. 5 pm, race 7 pm. Info: 602/296-4971.

D-36 STADIUM MOTOCROSS
Brentwood, California. Sand Hill Ranch. Camino Diablo & Vasco Rd. all classes. Entry fee: $15 exp., $10 sptmn., $3 spec. 80% trophies. Gates open 4:30, race 7:30. Info: Rt. 2, Box 143-C, Brentwood, CA 94513. 415/634-3328, 634-1667 or 798-5695.

AMA AMATEUR TT NATIONAL YOUTH PROGRAM
Gardena, California. Ascot. 9 am. Info: P.O. Box 98, Gardena, CA 90247. 213/321-1100 or 323-1142.

SDRA NIGHT MOTOCROSS
Star Track, El Paso, Texas. From downtown El Paso, take I-10 N. to Mesa exit. Left on Mesa to NM 273 (dead end at Santa Teresa Country Club.) Right on NM 273 for 2 mi. Star Track on the right. Fees: Mini-mini $5, Experts $9, others $7, gate $2. $100 purse per class, 100% p.b. for less than 7 riders. ⅓ brass nov. & am. Gate opens 6 pm, prac. 7 pm, race 8 pm. SDRA membership required. Info: SDRA, 239 Alvarez, El Paso, TX 79932.

AMA SEMI-PRO SHORT TRACK
14 mi. S. of Chico, California. Cycleland Speedway. Class C traction. Classes: All mini, 1-500. Gates open 4:30 pm, sign-up 5-7, prac. 5:30-7, race 7:30. Spec. $3, Under 12 $1, Riders $6, 2nd bike $3, Semi-Pro $3. 100% exp. p.b. D-36 rules apply. Info: 916/342-6851 or 342-9302.

SUNNY VALLEY TT
Sunny Valley, OR. 11 mi. N of Grants Pass, then west on Leland Rd., off I-5 interchange. All classes. Entry $3 1st bike; $4 2nd bike; $2 pit pass. Sign in 5-6:30 p.m., prac. 5:30-6:30, races start 7:00 p.m. No late practice. 100% p.b.; money race. 503/479-8775; 479-2405.

August 26

AFM GOLDEN GATE CHALLENGE IV
Sears Point International Raceway, Hwys. 37 & 121, Sonoma, CA 95476. For info: 707/938-8448.

MSMRA MX
Missoula, Montana. ½ mi. E. of airport Hwy. 10 W. All classes. Exp. 100% p.b. Beg. $7, Exp. $12. Special memorial Trophy & jacket to super mini & 250 exp. winners. Info: P.O. Box 7414. Phone no. 549-4484.

AME CALIFORNIA MINICYCLE SERIES
Indian Dunes Valencia, CA. Contin awarded by U.S. Suzuki. Win a Suzuki. Prizes from S&W & Duralube. Free T-Shirt to each rider. mail entry: Pee Wee $10; All other classes $15 (2 or more $12). Post entry $20. Mail entry deadline Aug. 22. AME memb. req. Gate open 7:00 a.m., prac. 8, race 9. All mini classes up to 125cc. 30% trophies. Sen entries to: AME, PO Box 1421, Reseda, CA 91335. 213/881-5778.

D-36 AMATEUR MOTOCROSS
Plymouth Raceway, Plymouth, CA. Hwy. 49 N from Sonora, Hwy. 16 E from Sacto, Hwy. 49 S from Portervile. All entry fees $12. Amateur event no payback. Spectators $4, 6-12 $1. O/N camping $3. All classes. Gate open 6:15 a.m., sign up 6:30. No sign up after 8:00 a.m. Riders meeting 7:15, prac. 7:30, first race 8:30 p.m. For info: CES Promotions, PO Box 221, Sutter Creek, CA 95685. 209/267-0312.

CHAPARRAL MOTOCROSS
Chaparral MX Park, Weatherford, TX. Split schedule. Nov/Minis/OT run in a.m. Ex/Int run p.m. Expert cash purse, trophies for others. Entry Nov/int $8; Ex. $10; $2 gate fee. $4 to watch. For info: 817/284-4420; 441-9441.

PARA/MULKEY MOTOCROSS
3 mi. W of McMinnville, OR on Hwy. 18. Gates open 7 a.m., race 10 a.m. Entry $8 Nov/Jr; $13 Pros. $3.50 gate fee. 100% Pro p.b. by moto down 8. 30% brass. For info: PARA, 7100 S.W. Hampton, Suite 121, Tigard, OR 97223. 503/620-5301.

MRAN FLYING "LD" RANCH MX
In the mountains of Utah. From 1-15, go through Zion Park, past East Entrance. Limed from East Ent. & from Carmel Jct. Approx. 175 mi. from Vegas. Camp out in the pines! MRAN pts. 3-20 min. motos. Entry fee $10. Spectators $2. Mini prac. starts 6:00 sharp! Utah riders must have OHV sticker. Altitude approx. 6,000 Ft. For info: Ground shakers MC, 3475 Boulder Hwy., Las Vegas, NV 89121. 702/457-0343.

SANTA CLARA POLICE ACTIVITIES LEAGUE MX
Santa Clara, CA. Hwy. 17 to Hwy. 237E, left on Lafayette. Pee Wee/60/80/100/125cc, OT/Vets & Alumni. Nov/int/Ex. (125cc Nov. (& Int. only). Minis race by age group. 0-7; 6-8; 9-11; 12-15. Trophies: Pee Wees 50%; all others 30%. Entry $8 per class. $10 annual memb. req. No spectator or gate fee. Sign up 7 a.m., sign up closes 8:30 a.m., first race at 9:30 a.m. O/N camping for self-contained vehicles. 415/792-4748.

D-36 AMA MOTOCROSS
Gamboni Ranch, W. of Novato, California. Limed from San Marin turn off. N. of N., go W. of track. All classes. Expert P.B. on $15. Entry fee: Sptsmn. $10, Expert $17, Spectators $2. Gates open 6 am, Prac. 7 am. Food concessions. Info: 415/453-1787 or 707/762-2034.

AMA AMATEUR TT NATIONAL FINALS
Gardena, California. Ascot. 9 am. INfo: P.O. Box 98, Gardena, CA 90247. 213/321-1100 or 323-1142.

GOLD MEDAL ONE DAY TRIAL
Charlies Place-Red Mountain, California. Beg., am. & ex. desert racers & A,B, & C enduro riders. Medals awarded. $20 pre entry, $25 post. 3 man teams $10 per team. Start at 8 am. Impound 7 am. Enduro without time-keeping. CRC Desert Points for members. Info: 714/689-6114 (days).

DeANZA MOTOCROSS
DeAnza Cycle Park. Sunnymead, CA. 10 mi. E of Riverside, CA on H-60 to Theodore off ramp. All classes. 30% same day trophies to Sptsmn. 100% trophies to minis & pee wees. Entry $12 Ex., $7 Sptsmn. Non-memb. add $2. Memb. not req. Pk open Sat. & Sun. for prac. Gates open 7 a.m., prac. 8:30, race 9:30 a.m. Free camping. 714/635-5840, 653-7979, 653-4558.

CRC MOTOCROSS
Saddleback Park, Orange, CA. All classes, 2 motos each. Cash p.b. to Pros, 30% brass to sptsmn. Entry $9/$13 Pros. Gates open 7 a.m., prac. 8, race 9:30. CRC memb. req. 213/830-7519.

CMC MOTOCROSS
Carlsbad Raceway, Carlsbad, CA. All classes. Gates open 7 a.m., sign up 7-9, prac. 8-9, first race 9 a.m. Jr/Int entry $8 mail, $10 post, Pros $13 mail, $15 post. Mail entry to: CMC, P.O. Box 1402, Costa Mesa, CA 92626. 714/557-3323.

MOTOCROSS
Cycle Haven Park, Long Beach, CA. Across from Long Beach Naval Base, 1 blk. E of Vincent Thomas Bridge. All classes. 30% brass. Entry $8, Pros $14, gate fee $3. Prac. 7:30-8:30 a.m., race starts 9:00 a.m. 213/547-1818.

LAKE WHITNEY MOTOCROSS
Lake Whitney Cycle Ranch, Whitney, TX on FM 2960 off Hwy. 22 W of Whitney. $1,170 guar. purse, brass thru 8th. Split race sched. Nov 9 a.m., Int/Ex. approx. 1:30 p.m. All classes. Camping $2 per vehicle, gate $4. Am. entry $8/Ex. $10. 713/482-7593; 817/694-2901.

AME MOTOCROSS
Indian Dunes, Valencia, CA. Post entry $9 Sptsmn., $13 Pros. Pro p.b., 30% brass. Gates open 7 a.m., prac. 8, race 9 a.m. AME lic. req. All classes. For info: AME, PO Box 1421, Reseda, CA 91335. 213/881-5778.

Road Runs

August 6-12

STURGIS BLACK HILLS MC RALLY
Sturgis, S. Dakota. For info on Rally & races; Ernest Wine, Pineview Star Route, Sturgis, South Dakota.

August 13-17

CALIFORNIA GYPSY TOUR
Northern California Area. For info: Gypsy Tour, PO Box 14, West Sacramento, CA 95691. 916/371-9068.

FREE LISTING

CALENDAR

Listings must be received by noon Thursday to be included in the following week's Cycle News. No listings can be accepted by phone. Please include a phone number for additional information. Mail the completed blank to Cycle News Calendar, Box 498, Long Beach, CA 90801.

Event date _____ Event sanction _____ Event type _____
Location _____
How to get there _____
Classes _____ Purse _____ Entry fee _____
Mailing address _____
Other info _____
Your name _____ Phone number for info _____

RESULTS

CMC S.I.R. Night Motocross Kent, Wa. July 6, 1979 By Sue Sykes

PEE WEE JR	
Gary Ekman	Suz
Marh Burner	Suz
Wayne Manning	Suz
MINI EX	
Jack McGill	Yam
Mitch Lorenz	Suz
MINI INT	
Jim Allen	Suz
Scott Grimm	Yam
Peter Treadwell	Suz
MINI JR	
John Ekman	Suz
Scott Jickson	Suz
Mike Brist	Suz
100 INT	
Mark Bloodgoog	Yam
Kurt Erickson	Suz
100 JR	
Lonnie Alexander	Suz
Troy Janssen	Yam
Kurt Howland	Suz
125 JR	
Scott Henden	Yam
Gary Lockrem	Suz
Robb Manning	Suz
125 INT	
David Holloway	Yam
Kevin Lodsdon	Yam
Ted Pinlman	Suz
125 JR	
John Rawlings	Kaw
Lloyd Caldwell	Hus
Mike Zerr	Yam
250 PRO	
Blaine Elledge	Hus
Scott Henden	Yam
Dave Henden	Suz
250 INT	
Harold Phenis	Hon
Ron Simmons	Hon
Marty Plumb	Hon
250 JR	
Darren Porter	Kaw
Mike	Phillips
Kaw	
Wayne Laurent	Yam
OPEN PRO	
Blaine Elledge	Hus
OPEN INT	
Roger Zoerb	Yam
Rick Phenis	Suz
Dave Weber	Hus
OPEN JR	
Richard Kelley	Mai
Jay Gibbons	Mai
Krentson	Suz
OVER HILL	
Don Schouweiler	Hon
Richard Kelley	Mai
Dave Davis	Hon

CMC S.I.R. Night Motocross Kent, Wa. July 13, 1979 By Sue Sykes

PEE WEE	
Gary Ekman	Suz
Wayne Manning	Suz
MINI EXPERT	
Jack McGill	Yam
Mitch Lorenz	Suz
MINI INT	
Jim Allen	Suz
Kelly Davis	Suz
MINI JR	
John Ekman	Suz
Flip Jewell	Yam
Billy Welland	Yam
100 INT	
Mark Bloodgood	Yam
100 JR	
Lanch Richotte	Suz
Lorin Skuckhart	Suz
Kert HowlaND	Suz
125 PRO	
Scott Henden	Yam
Terry Ducker	Suz
Tim Davis	Suz
David Holloway	Yam
RogerZoerb	Yam
Bryan Bird	Suz
125 JR	
Mike Zerr	Yam
Mike Mitchell	Suz
Lloyd Caldwell	Hus
250 PRO	
Rick Benek	Hon
Blaine Elledge	Hus
Eric Eaton	Mai
250 INT	
John Hribar	Hon
Ron Simmons	Hon
Brian Soderbery	Hon
250 JR	
Gary Roestel	Hus
Mike Heide	Mai
Brian Housr	Hon
OPEN PRO	
Blaine Elledge	Hus
Eric Eaton	Mai
Mike Mohrbacher	Hus
OPEN INT	
Roger Zoerb	Yam
Dave Weber	Hus
Rick Phenis	Suz
OPEN JR	
Richard Kelley	Mai
Kevin Bethards	Bul
Mike Heide	Mai
OVER HILL	
Richard Kelley	Mai
Don schouweiler	Hus
Al Hametner	Hus

CMC S.I.R. Night Motocross Kent. Wa. July 20,1979 By Sue Sykes

PEE WEE JR	
Corey Halterman	Hon
Mare Brunner	Suz
Jeff Coffrell	Suz
MINI EX	
Jack McGill	Yam
MINI INT	
Jim Allen	Suz
Vern VanLeuven	Suz
Peter Treadwell	Suz
MINI JR	
Billy Welland	Yam
Scott Hickson	Suz
John Purdin	Yam
100 INT	
Mark Bloodgood	Yam
100 JR	
Larry Nevares	Suz
Lonnie Alexander	Suz
Scott Gordon	Suz
125 PRO	
Scott Henden	Yam
Terry Ducker	Suz
Gary Lockrem	Suz
125 PRO	
Roger Zoerb	Yam
John Vandenberg	Suz
David Holloway	Yam
125 JR	
Jim Pittman	Suz
Steve Henden	Suz
Lloyd Caldwell	Hus
250 PRO	
Blaine Elledge	Hus
Rick Weidman	Hon
250 INT	
Ted Abernethy	Mai
Don Schouweiler	Hon
Brian Soderberg	Hon
250 JR	
½ Mike Rueger	Suz
Brent Barker	Suz
Don Minken	Mai
OPEN PRO	
Blaine Elledge	Hus
Mike Mohrbacher	Hus
OPEN INT	
Rick Phenis	
Duane Weber	Hus
Jay Kingsley	Suz
OPEN JR	
Jim Sassler	Yam
Rick Kelley	Mai
Mike Guevling	Suz
OVER HILL	
Richard Kelley	Mai
Don Schouweiler	Hon
Doug Casad	Hus

CMC S.I.R. Night Motocross Kent, Wa. July 27, 1979 By Sue Sykes

PEE WEE JR	
Tavius Thompson	Suz
Cory Halterman	Hon
Steve Row	Hon
MINI EX	
Mitch Lorenz	Suz
MINI INT	
Jim Allen	Yam
MINI JR	
John Ekman	Suz
Flip Jewell	Yam
Bill Welland	Yam
100 INT	
Jeff Wilson	Suz
Rick Patrick	Yam
100 JR	
Ron Alexander	Suz
Lance Richotte	Suz
Larry Nevares	Suz
125 PRO	
Scott Henden	Yam
Gary Lockrem	Suz
Jon Adams	Hus
125 INT	
Roger Zoerb	Yam
David Holloway	Yam
Bryan Bird	Suz
125 JR	
Lance Richotte	Suz
Steve Henden	Suz
Lloyd Caldwell	Hus
250 PRO	
Eric Eaton	Mai
Bob Lumsden	Yam
Doug Taylor	Suz
250 INT	
Dan Daniels	Yam
Ted Abernethy	Mai
Brian Soderberg	Hon
250 JR	
John Hodges	Suz
Larry Karwosku	Mai
Brent Barker	Suz
OPEN PRO	
Eric Eaton	Mai
Rob Lumsden	Yam
Mike Mohrbacher	Hus
OPEN INT	
Vern Huber	Mai
Jeff Benzion	Suz
Jay Kingsley	Suz
OPEN JR	
Richard Kelley	Mai
Kelley Bethards	Bul
Jim Sassen	Yam
OVER HILL	
Richard Kelley	Mai
Don Schouweiler	Hon
Robert Quarterman	Suz

SRAC Motocross Berthoud, Colo. July 29,1979 By D.E. Burgener

COMBINED PROS	
Russ Castillo	250 Kaw
Kent Hornberger	125 Suz
Darcy Binder	400 Yam
Robert Range	450 Yam
Kent Nissen	125 Suz
VETERAN A	
GaRY Shiramizu	Hus
VETERAN B	
Charles Duncan	Yam
Mark Mock	Bul
Roger Hickey	Yam
125AMATEUR	
Brent Kennedy	Suz
John Beazley	Yam
Dennis Baird	Suz
250AMATEUR	
Steve Palko	Hon
Larry Erfman	Hon
Rick Alexander	Hon
500 AMATEUR	
Len Marks	Mai
Rex Hill	Yam
John Babb	Suz
100NOVICE	
Scott Kilore	Suz
Steve Deniston	Suz
Sean Callahan	Suz
500NOVICE	
Jerry Adolf	Suz
Gary Schmidt	Yam
Rick Kremer	Yam
80EXPERT	
P.J. Ware	Yam
Dan Ferris	Kaw
80 AMATEUR	
Jason Sylvester	Suz
Bryan Walters	Suz
Josh Wheeler	Suz
80 NOVICE	
Billy Wyatt	Yam
Mario Jaure	Kaw
Bradley Kembel	Yam
50 PEEWEE	
Mitch Eckhardt	Suz
Scott Sylvester	Suz
Mike Bronsert	Suz

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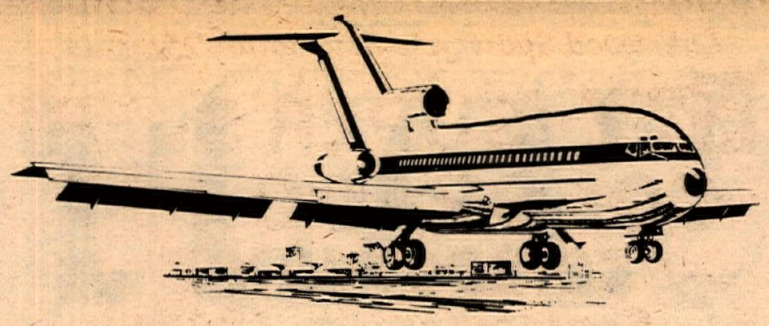

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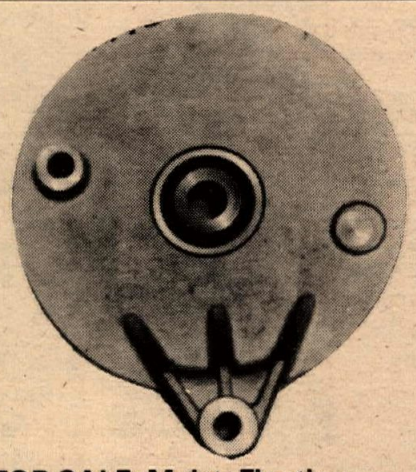

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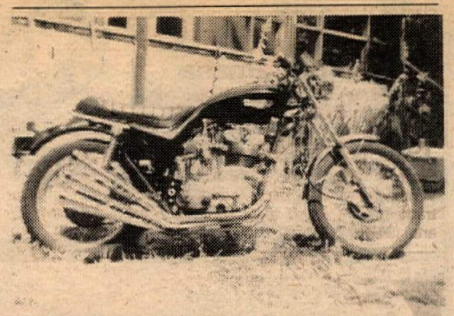

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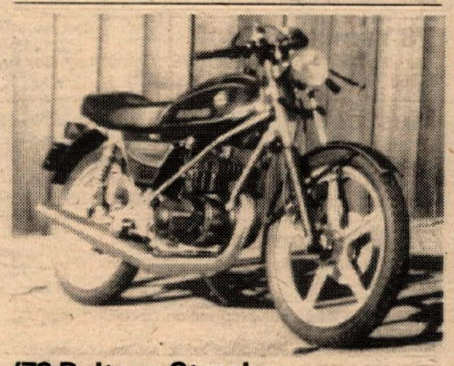

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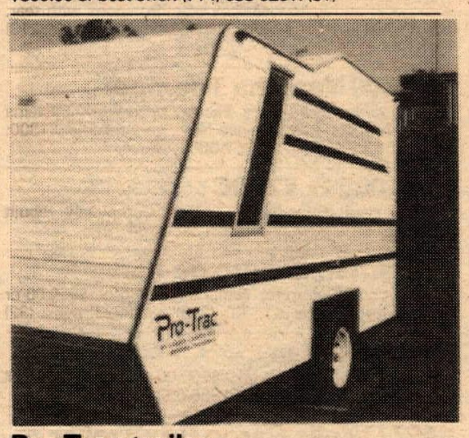

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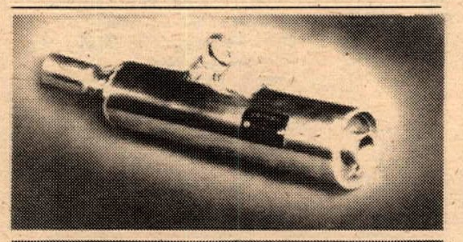

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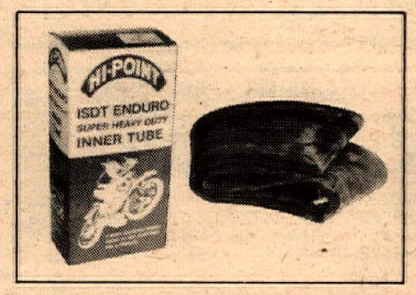

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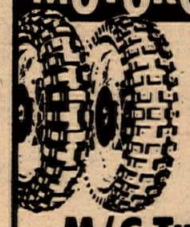

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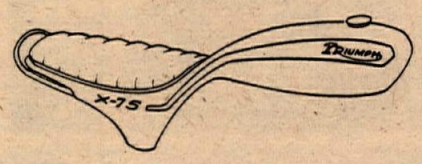

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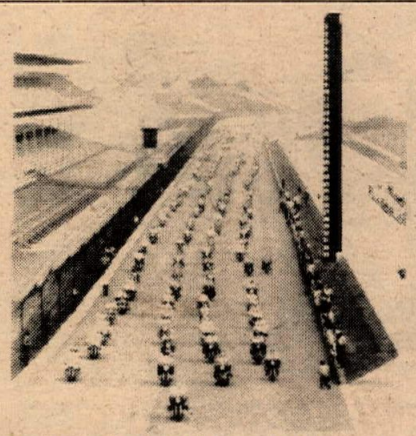

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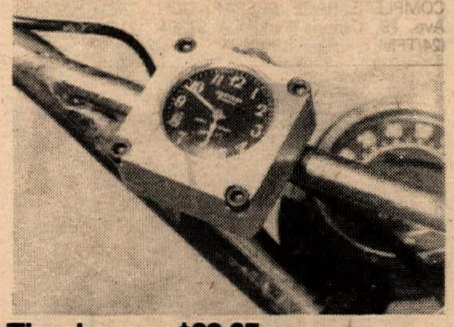

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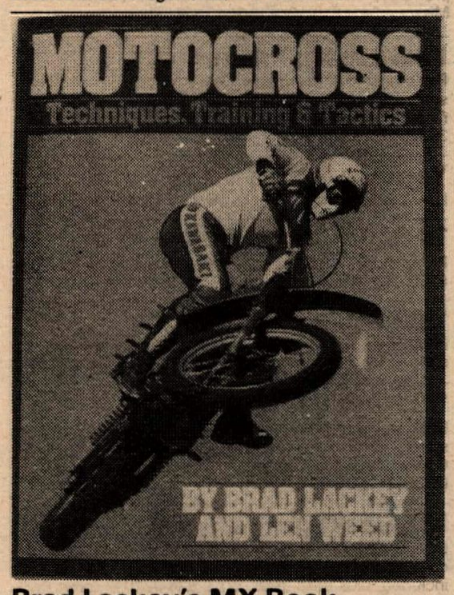

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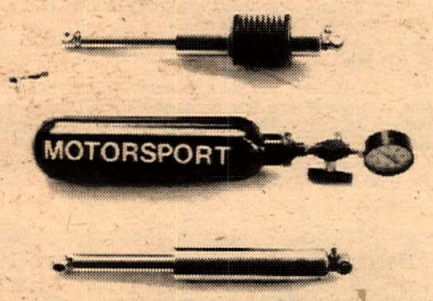

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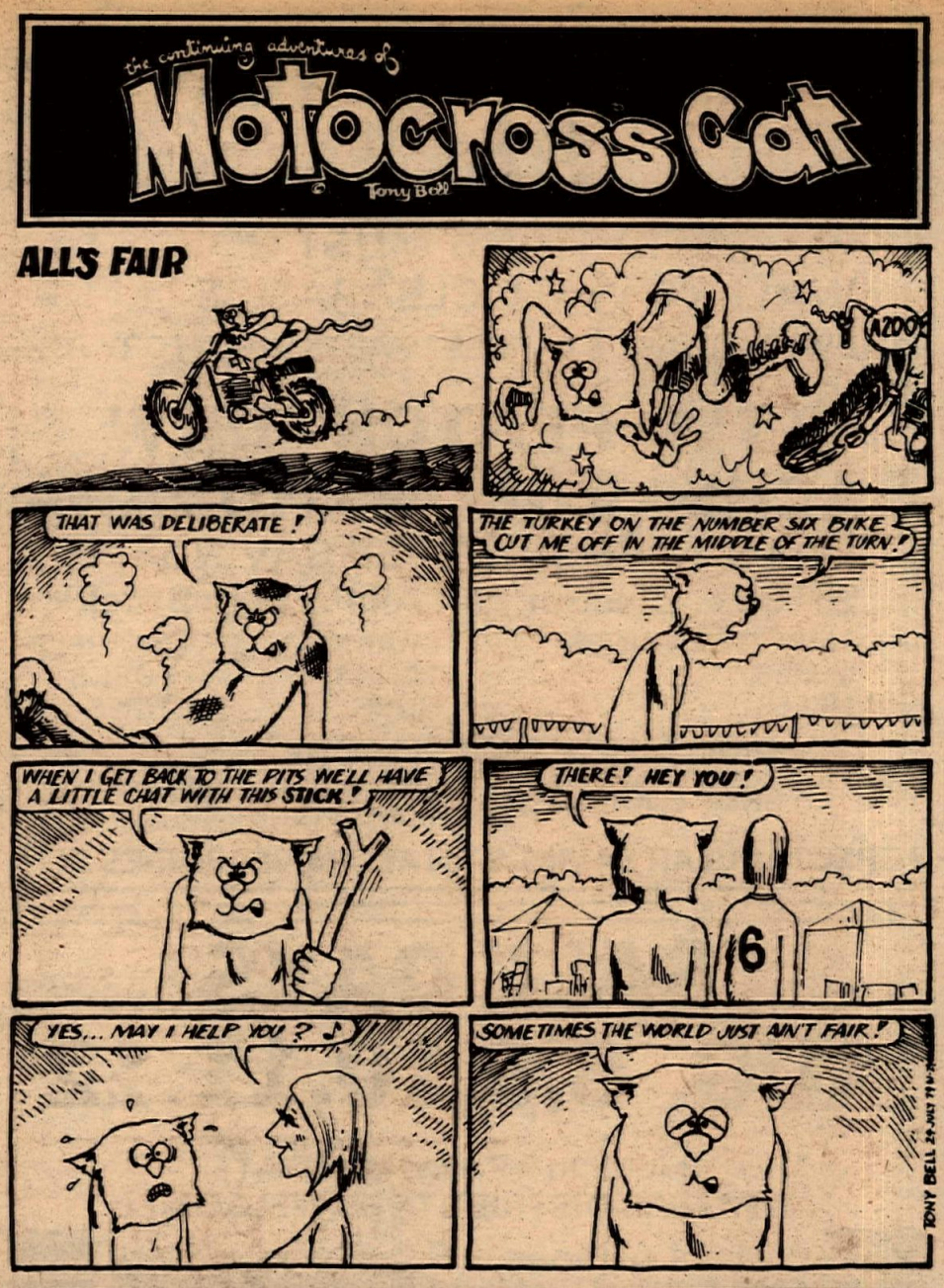

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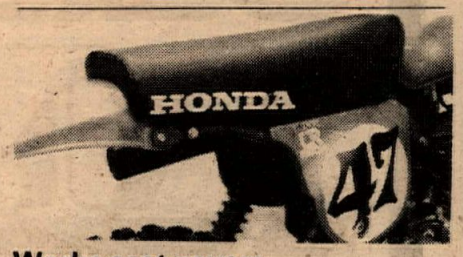

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And have you noticed all the old bikes that people are suddenly riding? Honda nightmares, Suzuki step-thrus, Sears Benellis — gad! All those riders ought to be allowed to park in the handicapped zones. Or the twilight zone.

Of course, all of us who already have a good street motorcycle have been reaping the economic benefits for some time. I wonder how many millionaire motorcyclists there are? Plenty, I bet, counting ex-bikers like Sam Hayakawa.

Every time the Trailblazers M.C. gets together at the Pasadena Country Club, (as we did recently) somebody comments on the number of rich bikers, dealers and racers present. One old timer, who used to scrounge castoff parts out of trashbins to keep his Triumph running, tells me he now owns a cudzu farm in Georgia and is building a private salvage yard on his California estate. Must be nice . . .

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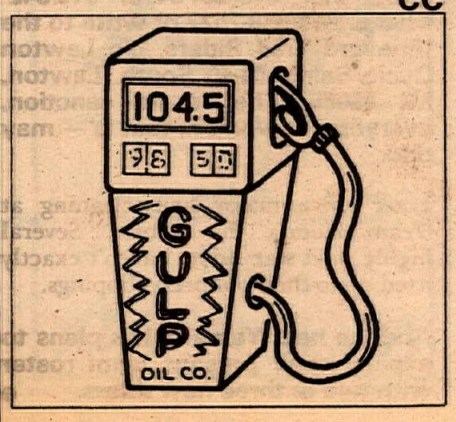

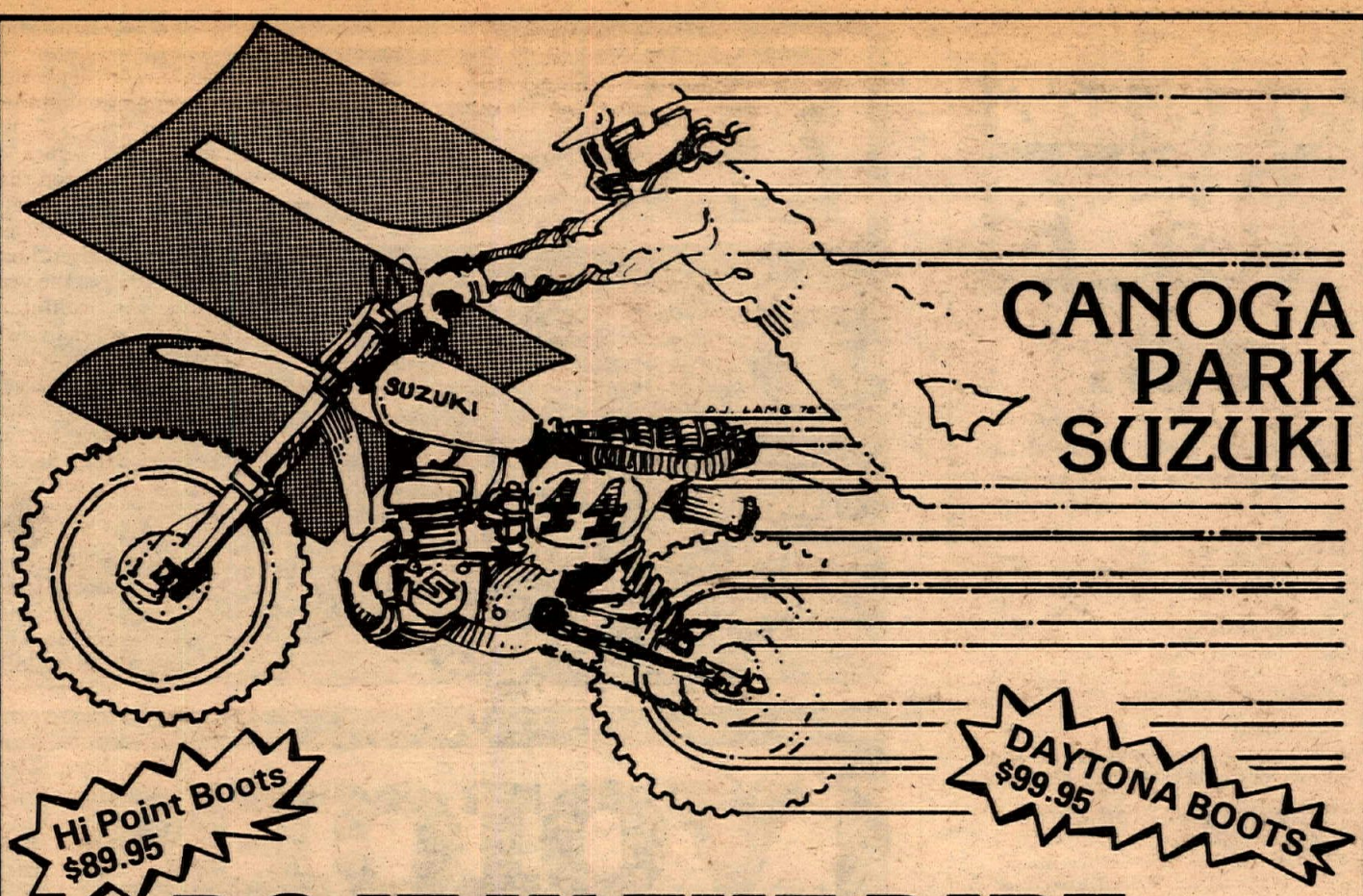

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VOICES

International RR request

Can anyone there tell me where I can find out more about international road racing? It's difficult to wait till the events are over to piece together bits and pieces about this class or that series.

I'd like history, categories, a scattering of rules and requirements, all the things that enhance an understanding of how and why the racers and machines are constructed a certain way, qualify or disqualify for this or that.

I understand there is a book (for somewhere around $25) from a publisher in Wisconsin called, I think, *Motocourse*, that deals with the subject. What do you know?

Would writing to the FIM be worth anything? But, then, do they sanction or have anything to do with, say, Isle of Man, or the endurance races like Bol D'or, or Imola?

Any ideas you have will be appreciated.

STEPHEN MARK BARTELL
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The day before the race, the bike checked out perfectly in five laps of practice. The engine was gone over again that night even though it had been completely rebuilt. Unfortunately, it never occured to met that there would be a need to keep an eye on the bike so it was left unattended while I watched the races prior to mine.

During this time, someone removed the seat, slipped the air cover back and put a 12mm cap screw and a 10mm bolt in the carberator throat. After three laps, the engine froze up. The cases were completely destroyed. Luckily, this didn't happen on the down-hill or I could have been seriously injured.

Although $200 cases were ruined, my concern is that someone had so little regard for a rider's safety that they pulled a stunt like this on a course that is notorious for its downhills and might have resulted in serious injury. I will be back next year but won't be leaving my bike unattended again.

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It was a well-earned victory. With 1½ laps to go Kent fell, putting him seven seconds down.

But the tough Texan got on his Suzuki and zeroed in on the leader to clinch the win.

In fact, Howerton's win at Unadilla makes it a Suzuki sweep of the 125cc, 250cc and 500cc U.S.G.Ps!

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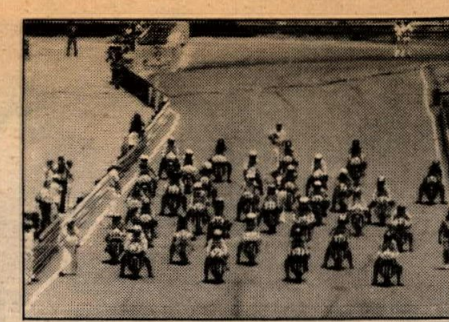
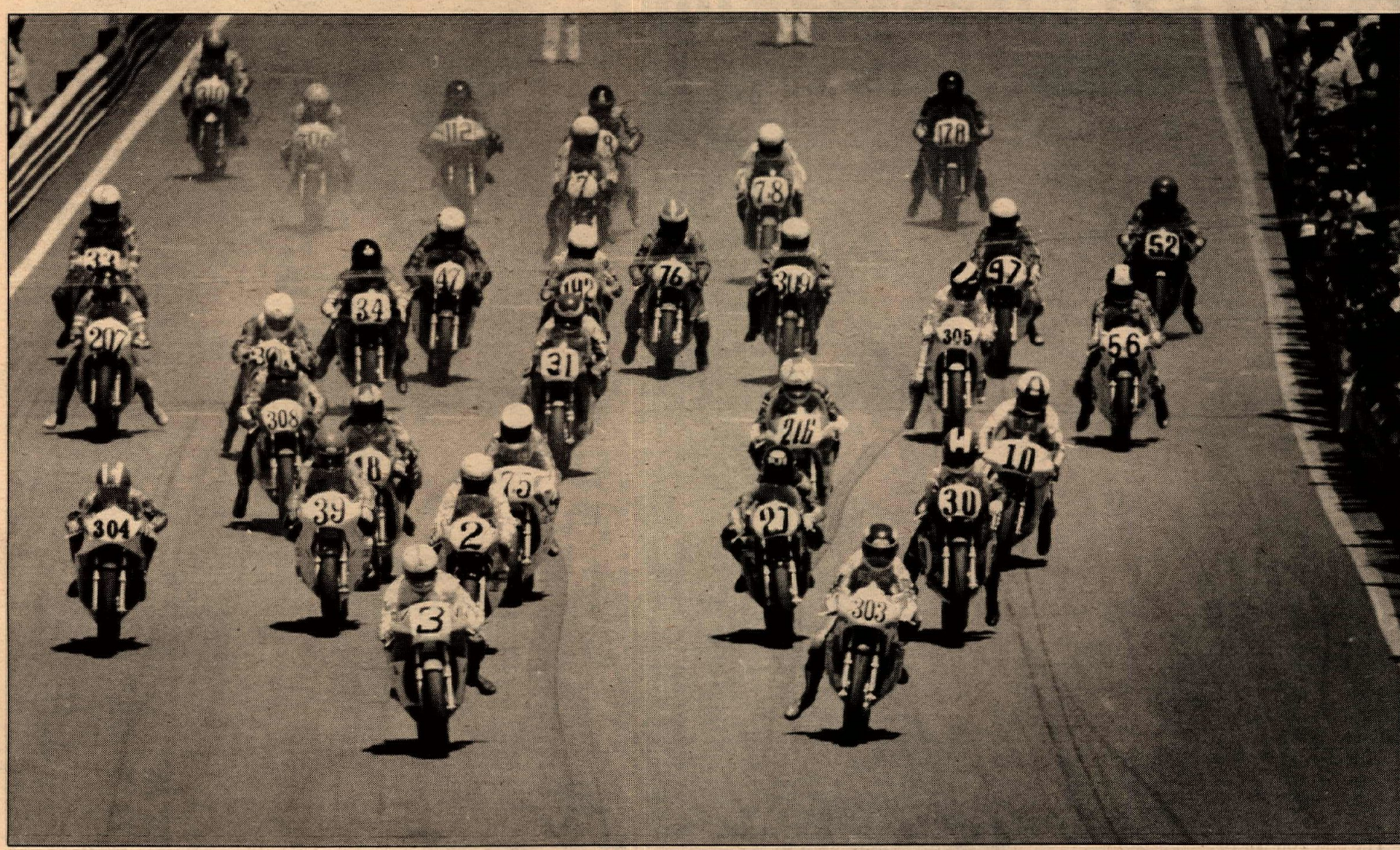




Five, four, three two, one! The starting grid clears, clutches drop and they're off for the first F750 leg. Gene Romero (3) and Patrick Pons (303) grab the immediate lead followed by Raymond Roche (304), Randy Mamola (39), Kenny Roberts (2), Skip Aksland (27) and Dale Singleton (30).

World Championship F750 Road Race Series — Round seven

King Kenny romps SCRAMP's Laguna Seca F750 weekend

By Jack Mangus
Photos by Charles Morey

MONTEREY, CA, AUG. 5

FIM 500cc World Champion Kenny Roberts turned northern California's Laguna Seca Raceway into his own personal playground as he romped, stomped and wheelied his way to victory in both legs of SCRAMP's Champion Spark Plug 200.

Making only his second racing appearance in the U.S. this year — his first aboard 750cc machinery in '79 — Roberts had competitors as well as spectators shaking their heads in disbelief as he put on an exhibition of road racing skill the likes of which few if any had ever seen.

While Roberts was romping, New Englander Rich Schlachter and Californian David Aldana rode their hearts out in heated competition for second and third overall. Schlachter put together a runnerup performance in the first leg and a fourth in the second leg for his place position, while Aldana garnered his third overall with a 3-5 afternoon.

Qualifying

Formula 750 series points leader Patrick Pons turned in a record lap to top the field in qualifying. The Team Sonauto/Gauloises/GPA - sponsored Frenchman blistered Laguna/Seca's 1.9 mile, nine turn course with a 1 minute, 8.40 seconds tour which averaged out to a tick of the clock over 100 mph.

PJ1-sponsored Skip Aksland jetted to Monterey after Friday night's Winston Pro Series Santa Fe Short Track round and logged second fastest time with a 1:08.86 lap. Yamaha works rider Kenny Roberts was the only other rider to break into the "8's" with a 1:08.91 clocking during Saturday's timed practice sessions.

Turning in fourth and fifth fast times to fill the front row for Sunday's first leg were Imperial Spa/Don Vesco-sponsored Gene "Burritto" Romero and Taylor White/Beaulieu of America-sponsored Dale "Pig Farmer" Singleton.

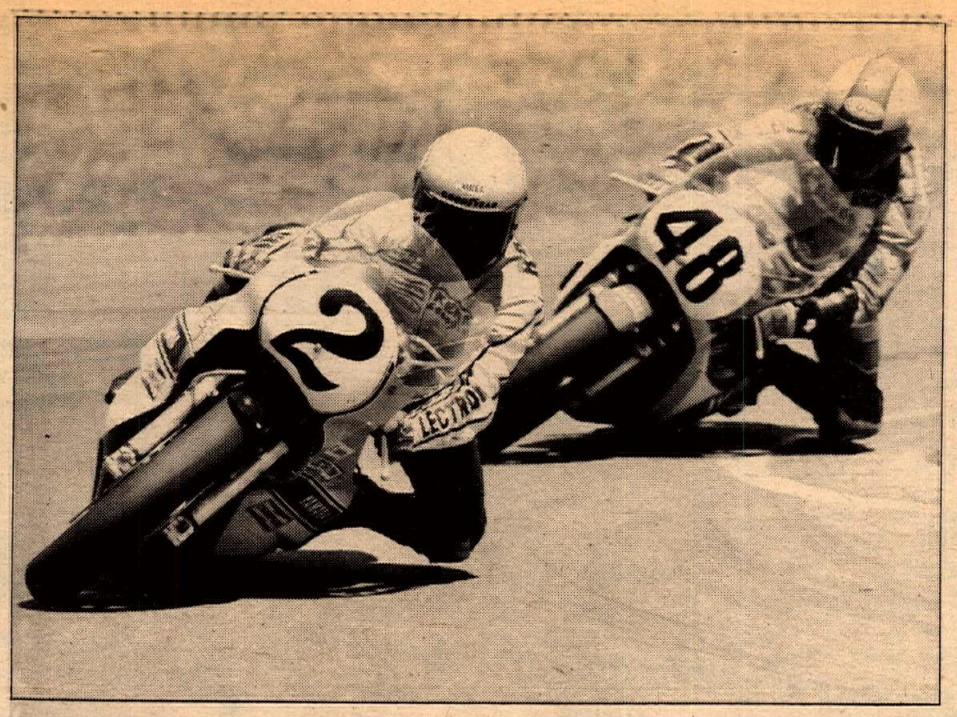
First leg

Veteran Gene Romero duplicated his Sears Point start of three weeks ago by leading the field off the line at the wave of the green flag. Behind Burritto the "fast guys" hooked up wheel-to-wheel in a high-speed charge that read, Roberts, Pons, Raymond Roche, Schlachter, Randy Mamola, Aksland and Aldana across the start/finish line at the end of the first lap.

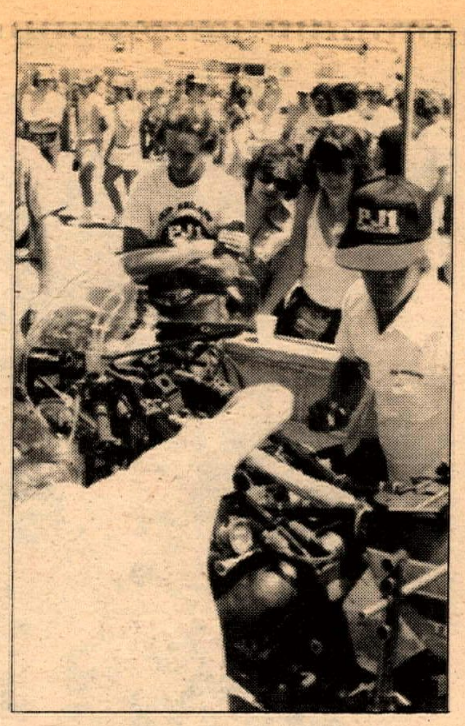
Laps two through five were also led by Romero with the positions behind him shuffling like a deck of cards. But Romero was forced into the pits on the sixth tour with a "stuck throttle."

With Romero and his machine being attended to by Don Vesco and crew, the race continued at a fever pitch as the lead changed all around the course. Schlachter and Roberts took turns leading where it counts — at the start/finish line — on laps six through 12 with Aksland and Pons never more than a few yards behind.

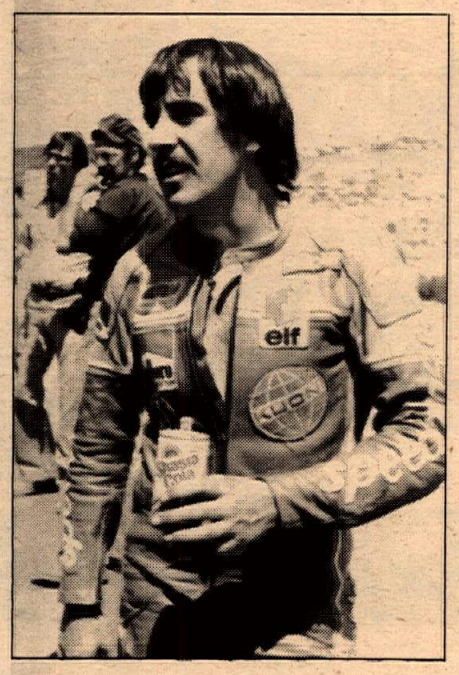
The racing behind the quartet of front runners had Aldana a slight distance back, and an equal distance ahead of Mamola through the first half of the race.

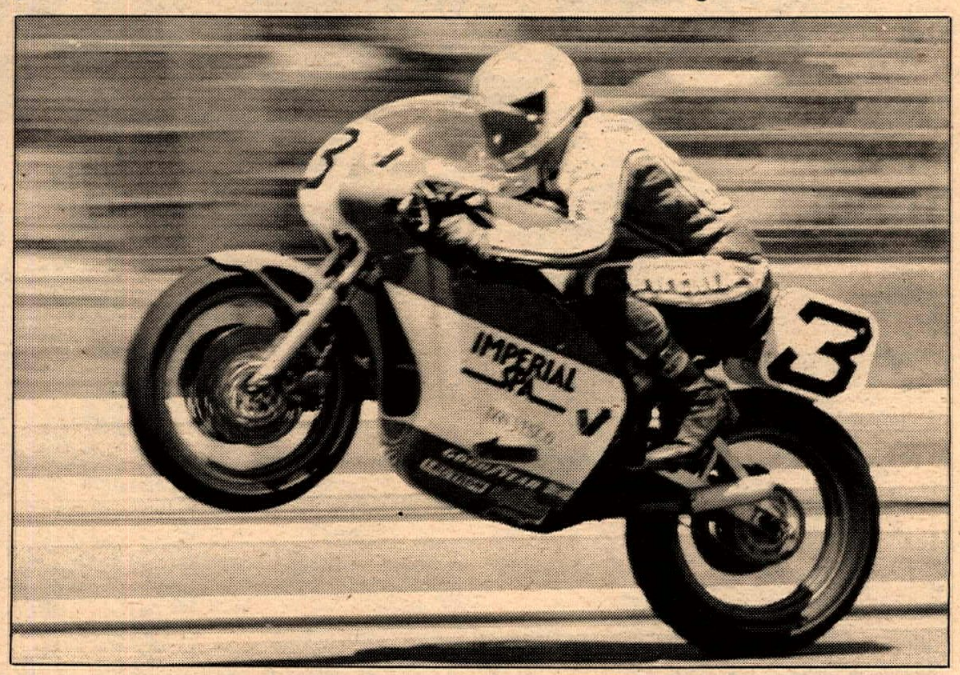


(Above) King Kenny and Richard Schlachter finished 1-2 overall. (Below) Michel Frutschi and Patrick Pons (303).



(Above) left) Dave Aldana (10) finished third. (Above right) Skip Aksland gets comfort and repairs. (Below) Gene Romero looked great.





The order on lap 16 — the halfway point — read Roberts, Aksland, Schlachter, Pons, Aldana, Mamola, Michel Frutschi, Dale Singleton, Raymond Roche, Kevin Stafford, Harry Klinzmann, Ron Pierce, John Bettencourt, Rich Chambers, Marc Fontan and Werner Nenning.

Pons began slipping back from the Roberts, Aksland and Schlachter dice and Mamola closed on Aldana, only to be blocked by backmarkers the fast guys were lapping on lap 17.

While the race between Roberts, Aksland and Schlachter was close, it soon became apparent that KR was playing around. He pulled wheelies all the way down to the pit straight on nearly every lap and wheelied at different points of the course including the famous Laguna Seca Corkscrew turn.

Roberts put his foot down — make that front wheel down — on the 28th lap and proceeded to pull away from Schlachter, who had led laps 24 through 27. Aksland had been blocked in turn nine by backmarkers and had fallen back from Roberts and Schlachter on the 26th go-around.

As Roberts opened up the gap on Schlachter, eyes were turned to the multitude of dices going on downfield. Aldana moved by Pons into fourth on the 24th lap and Mamola dropped the Frenchman down another spot on the 33rd and final lap of the leg.

That final lap turned into a heartbreaker for Aksland when his Yamaha "slowed down and then seized." Aksland coasted around turn nine and then pushed his bike down the pit straight and across the finish line in 14 place.

When asked if he had just played around in the race, winner Roberts said, with a grin, "No, not really. We put a new engine in the bike this morning and I wanted to break it in nice and easy. Plus I forgot how quick the brakes fade on a 750 compared to a 500. And then it started missing and back-firing and I pulled the wire out of the kill button. That fixed that."

Kel Carruthers and the Yamaha crew attended to Roberts' OW31 during the break between legs, giving attention to the clutch and front brakes — not to mention the errant kill button wire.

Second leg

It was privateer Rich Schlachter pulling the holeshot at the start of the second leg and he kept his Yamaha in front of the field at the start/finish line for the first six laps. But as heated as was the pressure on the leader in the first leg, it was doubled in leg two.

Roberts was scored in seventh at the end of the first lap behind Schlachter, Mamola, Aldana, Stafford, Pons and Klinzmann. By the fourth lap Roberts had moved into second and he led the seventh lap only to drop back to seventh on the following lap. "It started missing again," Roberts said after the race. "Yes, it was the same thing — the kill-button wire. So, I just pulled it out again and went back to work."

"Back to work" for Roberts meant catching up with riders who were giving it their all. And no one was putting more into it than Gene Romero. Romero, who started on the back row of the grid at the start of the final lap, had moved his way up to ninth in two laps and then methodically picked off riders until he took the lead from Team Mexican partner David Aldana on the 12th lap.

Roberts took the lead away from Romero on the 15th lap and the pair began to open up a gap on a Schlachter-Mamola dice and an Aldana-Frutschi battle.

Gone by that time was Patrick Pons, who crashed in the Corkscrew, and on the following lap — the 16th — he was joined on the DNF list by Randy Mamola, who pitted and then retired from the race.

Aldana overshot turn nine and dropped back from Frutschi on the 17th lap and the top five finishing positions were set — but not in the order that would finally be recorded as Swiss ace Frutschi dropped Schlachter back to fourth on the 24th lap.

Roberts opened up a six-second gap on Romero and settled down into a lap-after-lap wheelie show that climaxed with a nearly vertical wheelie coming down the pit straight for the checkered flag.

Behind Roberts, Romero, Frutschi, Schlachter, and Aldana, came foreign riders Roche and Fontan, followed by Singleton, Ron Pierce — whose Bob Work/Yamaha Motor Canada OW31 didn't arrive until after practice had been completed on Saturday due to a transporter breakdown — and John Bettencourt.

While winner Roberts and overall place and show riders Schlachter and Aldana headed for Laguna Seca's winner's circle, veteran Gene Romero pulled into the pits and pulled off his helmet to display an ear-to-ear grin. "That was for the old guys. Bring back Nixon! Tell 'em Burritto said that!"

Just as happy as Romero was Rich Schlachter. "That was a super race. A super, super race! I'm still learning a lot. I rode real hard, but I don't want to throw it down the road. The track was slippery. But it was a great race. A really great race," said the New England privateer who expressed special thanks to Massachusetts' Sky Cycles and Perron Leathers.

The winner's circle microphone was turned over to David Aldana and Number 10 said, "I had a hard time focusing on that yellow and black bike (Roberts' Yamaha). Those guys go too fast for us dirt trackers!" Aldana thanked sponsor Paul Dahmen and "everybody who helps me. It would take a long time to list them all. They know who they are and they know I appreciate what they do for me."

From King Kenny came, "The second leg was a bit easier. I had the same ignition problems, but ripping the wire out fixed that again. I could see Kel and the guys laughing in the pits when I went by." Roberts, after saying he would jet to England the following day for the upcoming August 12 British GP, said, "Now if I could just get Yamaha to make planes like their bikes I'd be on time." ●

Results

FIRST LEG (33 LAPS, 62.7 MILES): 1. Kenny Roberts (Yam) 97.384 mph ; 2. Rich Schlachter (Yam); 3. David Aldana (Yam); 4. Randy Mamola (Yam); 5. Patrick Pons (Yam); 6. Michel Frutschi (Yam); 7. Dale Singleton (Yam); 8. Raymond Roche (Yam); 9. Kevin Stafford (Yam); 10. Ron Pierce (Yam); 11. Harry Klinzmann (Yam); 12. John Bettencourt (Yam); 13. Werner Nenning (Yam); 14. Skip Aksland (Yam); 15. Marc Fontan (Yam).

SECOND LEG (33 LAPS, 62.7 MILES): 1. Kenny Roberts (Yam) 97.716 mph; 2. Gene Romero (Yam); 3. Michel Frutschi (Yam); 4. Rich Schlachter (Yam); 5. David Aldana (Yam); 6. Raymond Roche (Yam); 7. Marc Fontan (Yam); 8. Dale Singleton (Yam); 9. Ron Pierce (Yam); 10. John Bettencourt (Yam); 11. Harry Klinzmann (Yam); 12. Kevin Stafford (Yam); 13. Werner Nenning (Yam); 14. Steve Gervais (Yam); 15. Paul McLachlan (Yam).

Harry Klinzmann, Freddie Spencer, Wes Cooley and Ron Pierce blast off the front row. (Inset) Spencer takes a quick check over his shoulder to see how Cooley's doing.

Wes Cooley walks his Yoshimura R&D GS1000 Suzuki down the starting straight en route to second place.

Superbike Production

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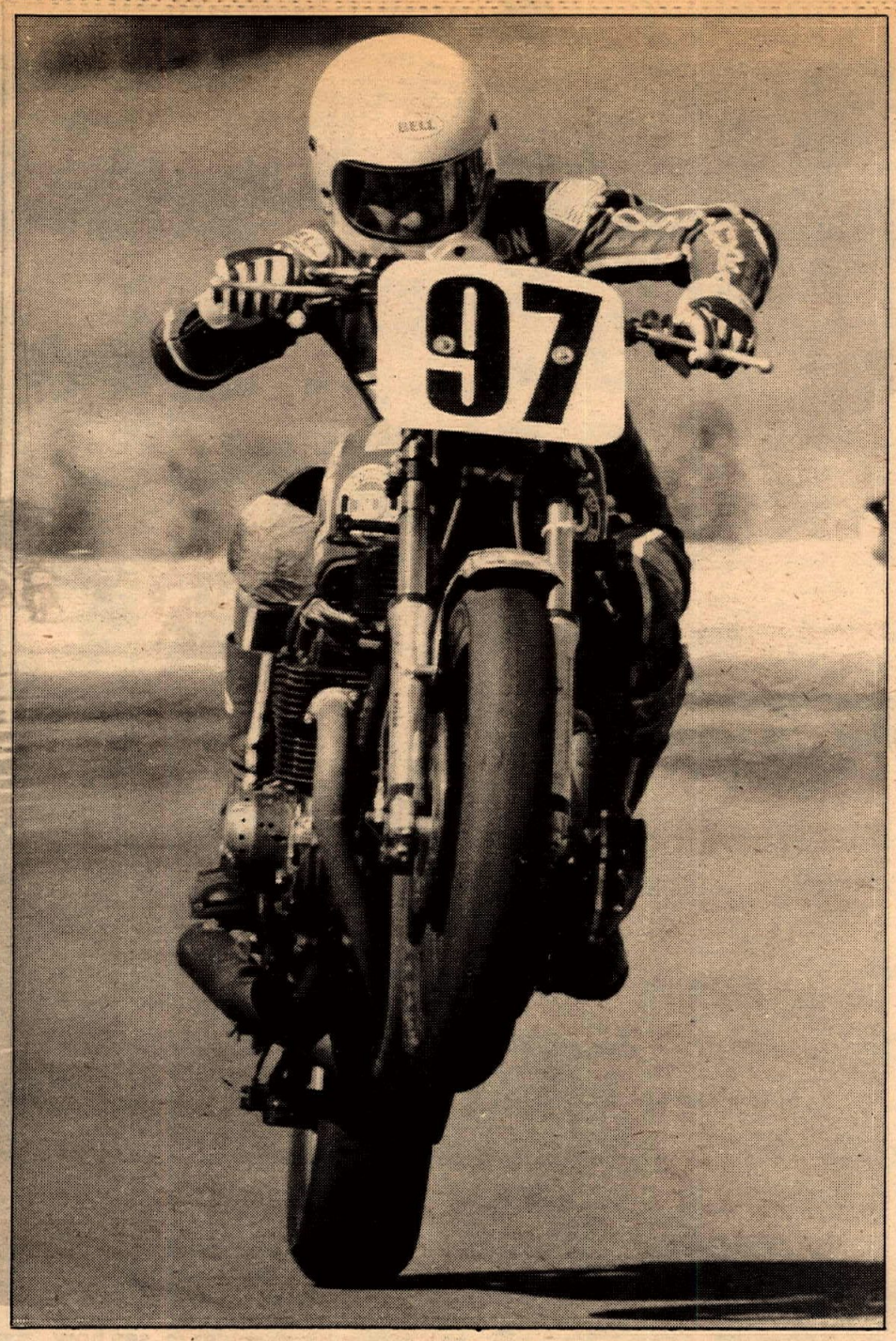
By Charles Morey

MONTERY, CA, AUG. 5

Two races on the Team Kawasaki Superbike, two trips to the highest stage in victory circle — it looked exactly that simple as Freddie Spencer, the 17-year-old from Louisiana, stole the show from green flag to checkered in the Superbike Production race at Laguna Seca's Champion Spark Plug 200 weekend. Once in the lead, a position established on Laguna Seca's fast turn one, Spencer steadily pulled away from Yoshimura R&D-sponsored Wes Cooley eventually winning by a safe margin of over five seconds and establishing a new race record of 24:00.491 at an average speed of 94.999 mph. That's 26 seconds quicker than the old record; in the 20-lap race, it took more than a second per lap off the previous average.

Team Yoshimura proved to be Team Kawasaki's greatest threat as Wes Cooley and Ron Pierce topped the two qualifying races held late Saturday afternoon. Spencer finished close behind Pierce, earning the third-from-the-pole grid position on the front row. Racecrafters-sponsored Harry Klinzmann completed the four-rider first row line-up.

Somehow, before the Sunday morning final, Team Kawasaki's Randy Hall, Dennis David and Donnie Dove reached a little deeper into the 1015cc KZ1000 motor and found power that seemed to be lacking in the Saturday session. As second placer



Ron Pierce gets a grip on the situation . . . and the clutch. Pierce won his heat race, took third in the final.

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Wes Cooley put it in the winner's circle, "Freddie was just going really fast!"

After energetic starter "Bouncing Bob" Malley cartwheeled down the starting straight, climbed the tower and waved the green flag, Spencer, Cooley, Richard Schlachter (Spencer's Kawasaki teammate who started from the second row) and Pierce led the field through lap one. Pierce caught Schlachter just at the end of the opening lap, Klinzmann held fifth, and the top five positions were set.

Spencer pulled out to a three-second lead over Cooley by the end of the third lap. Cooley had a second or two on the tightly-knit trio battling for third place: Pierce, Schlachter and Klinzmann. That threesome stayed together for almost half the race before settling into their ultimate finishing positions.

Behind the top five, self-sponsored Kawasaki rider Chuck Parme and Del Amo Suzuki-backed Dennis Smith were giving the other Racecrafters rider, Steve McLaughlin, a run for his money. McLaughlin passed both on lap four, but Parme held on to hound the Kawasaki-mounted McLaughlin all the way in a final drag race from the last turn to the checkered flag. Following in to complete the top 10 were Kevin Stafford on the Tom Morgan-sponsored Kawasaki, Ducati-mounted John Bettencourt and Carry Keoshgerian on the Torco/Derale/Shoei/self-sponsored Kawasaki.

Spencer celebrated his imminent victory with a long wheelie in front of the grandstands towards the checkered flag. Sick the week before the race, Spencer admitted to announcer Roxy Rockwood in the winner's circle that, "The heat makes me really tired." What will the high school kid from Bayou country be like when he's feeling well? ●

Results

SUPERBIKE PRODUCTION FINAL: 1. Freddie Spencer (Kaw); 2. Wes Cooley (Suz); 3. Ron Pierce (Suz); 4. Richard Schlachter (Kaw); 5. Harry Klinzmann (Kaw); 6. Steve McLaughlin (Kaw); 7. Chuck Parme (Kaw); 8. Kevin Stafford (Kaw); 9. John Bettencourt (Duc); 10. Carry Keoshgerian (Kaw).
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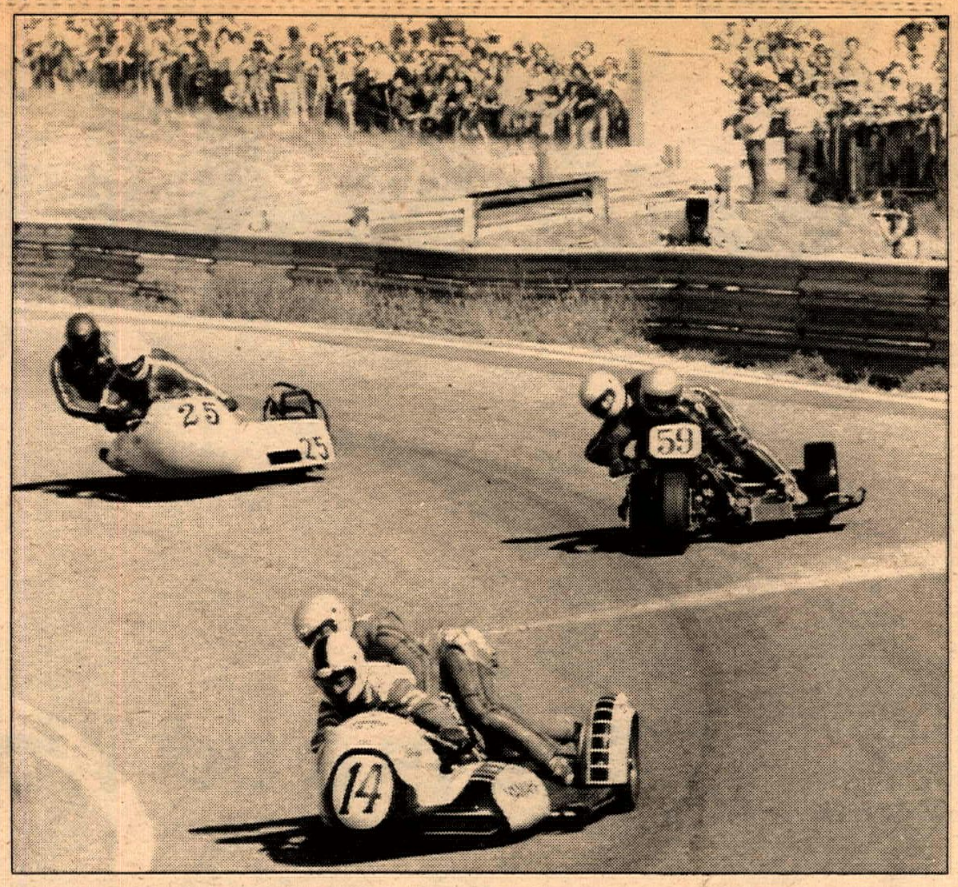

Coleman and Bevans (14) lead Vance Breese and John Morris (59) and eventual second placers Winfried Hopp and Bill Alston (25).

Sidecars

Coleman/ Bevans blast from behind

By Charles Morey

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Fighting a tough battle all the way, Larry Coleman and Mark Bevans muscled their Yamaha-powered sidecar outfit around the tough Laguna Seca road course and through traffic to take the checkered flag under pressure from the Winfried Hopp/Bill Alston Kawasaki-powered chair and the Vance Breese/ John Morris rig. Barely in the top five near the start, Coleman and Bevans blasted past the start finish line in fifth place at the end of lap two, the last unit in a tight five-way race among leaders Pete Essaff/Kerry Bryant, Vance Breese/ John Morris, Winfried Hopp/Bill Alston and Wayne Lougee/Ken Harrold.

Lap three saw the Lougee/Harrold rig overtake Hopp and Alston for third place, but the next time around they had dropped back to 14th place. Harrold fell from the car as they plummeted down Laguna Seca's infamous Corkscrew turns, becoming the second passenger that weekend to step off Lougee's number two sidecar. Carter Alsop, who rode passenger ("We don't call them monkeys anymore," she said.) with Lougee at their July 15 Sears Point victory, also fell off after the previous day's heat race. On the cool-off lap after she and Wayne had won the pole position, Alsop was thrown off balance when Lougee shifted gears, and her arm went under the sidecar wheel pulling her off. She was at the track Sunday, arm in a sling, with luckily no more than severe bruises. "I'll be ready for Pocono next week!" she smiled. Harrold jumped back on after his bail-off, and the pair charged back to finish fifth!

On the same lap, Essaff and Bryant crashed in Laguna Seca's ultra-fast turn three. Both were sent to the hospital. The extent of their injuries is unknown, but the accident was a bad one.

With those two units either out or back in the pack, the Breese/Morris team inherited the lead. Meanwhile, Coleman and Bevans had found a way around the Hopp/Alston rig and rode in second. Lap six saw them pressuring the leaders, and they got past on the next time around. Never headed but always under pressure, they held position to win.

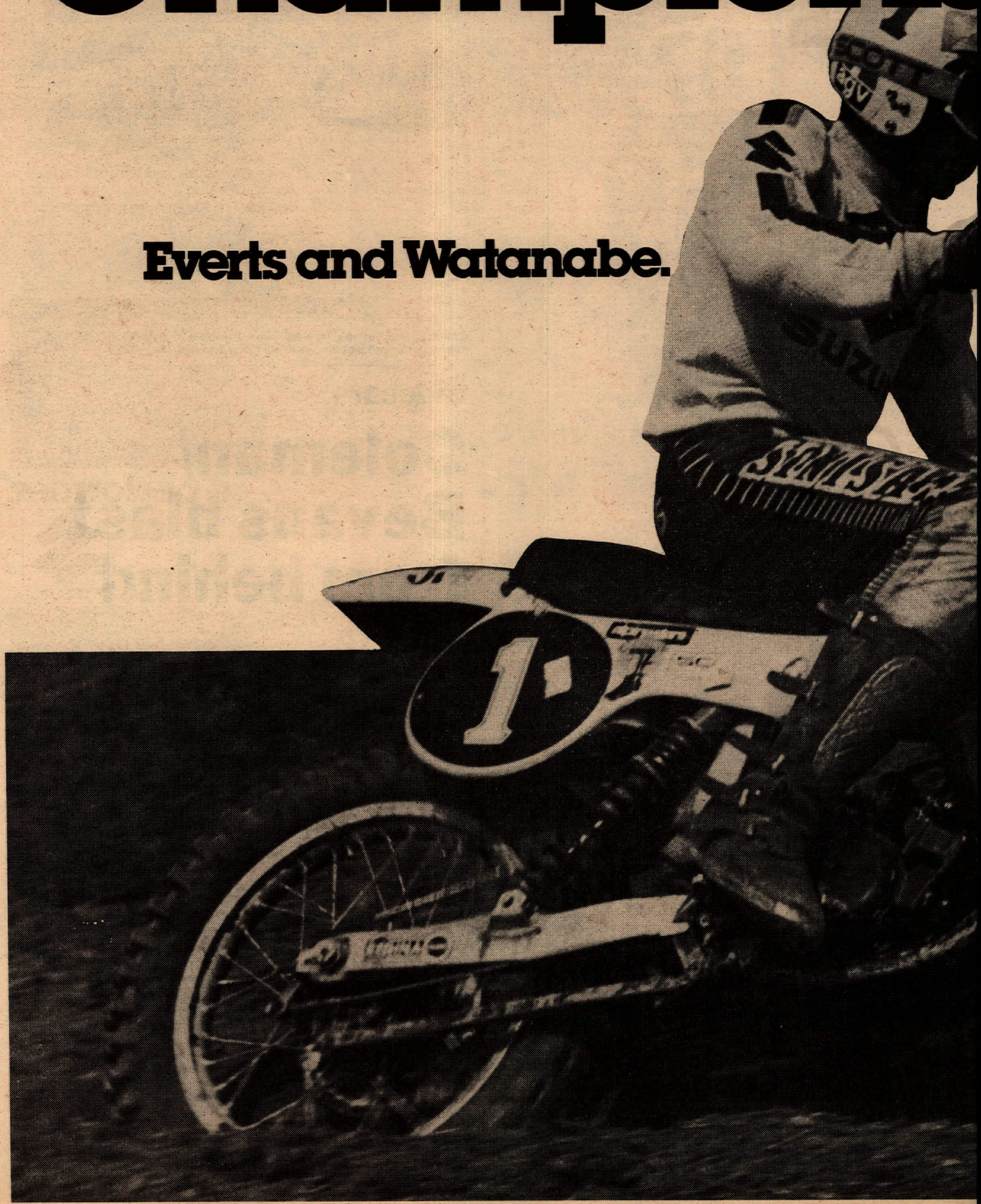
On the last turn on the last lap, Hopp and Alston stuffed their rig under Breese and Morris edging them from second to third. ●

Results

SIDECAR FINAL: 1. Larry Coleman/Mark Bevans (Yam); 2. Winfried Hopp/Bill Alston (Kaw); 3. Vance Breese/John Morris; 4. Doug Rowe/David James (Kaw); 5. Wayne Lougee/Ken Harrold (Kaw); 6. Walter Garnett/Richard Smith (Kaw); 7. Ian Fillery/Steve Quinn (BMW); 8. James Hays/J. Matthew Campbell (Suz); 9. Bill Davidson/Pat Dunn (Kaw); 10. Alan Spears/Evelyn Daniel (Suz).

Champions

Everts and Watanabe.



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Team Suzuki riders made a 1-2 sweep of the 1979 125cc World Championship!

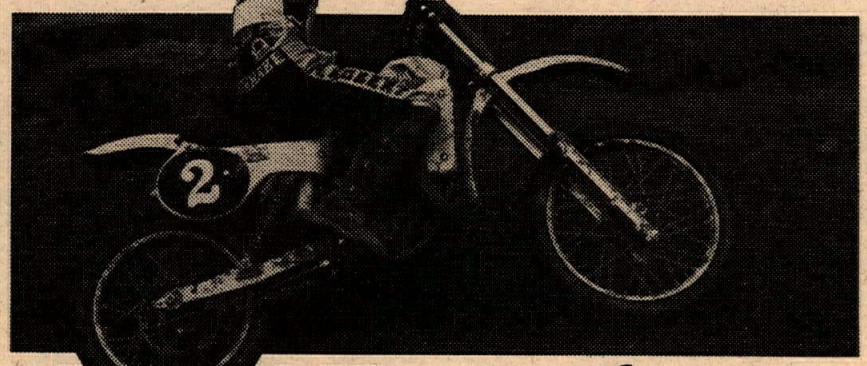
Harry Everts made quick work demolishing the competition in his first year with Suzuki to clinch the 125cc title.

In fact, the only rider to keep up with Harry was his teammate, Akira Watanabe.

So again in 1979, like every other year, Suzuki has won the 125cc World Championship.

Makes sense, doesn't it, that Suzuki is the performer!

Suzuki 1-2 in the 125s.



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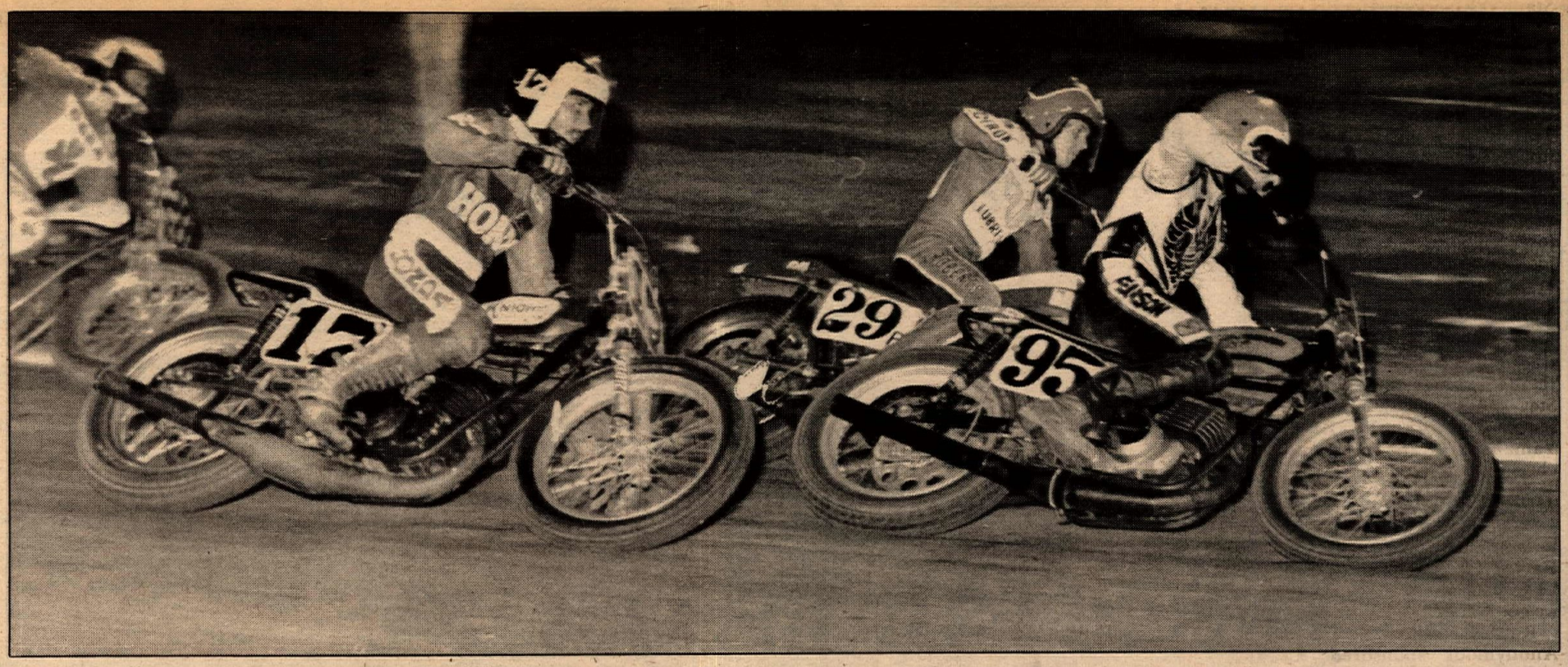
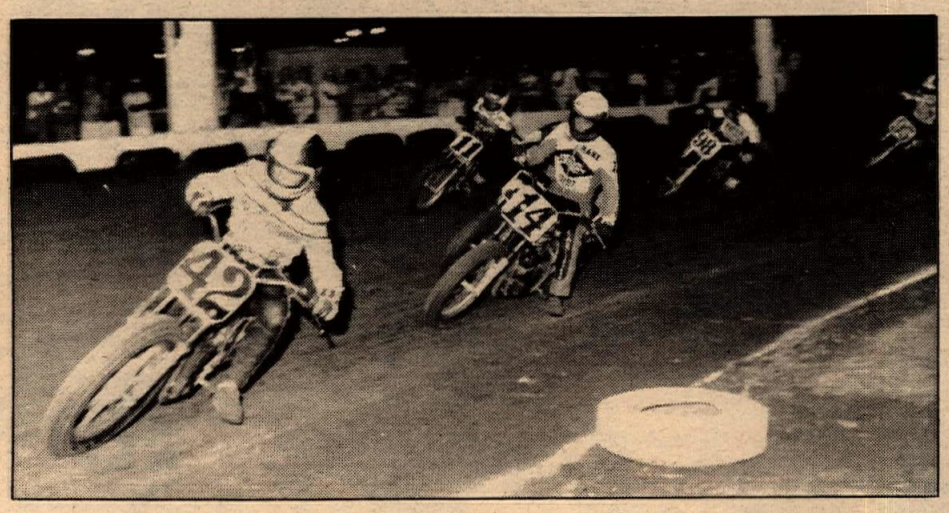
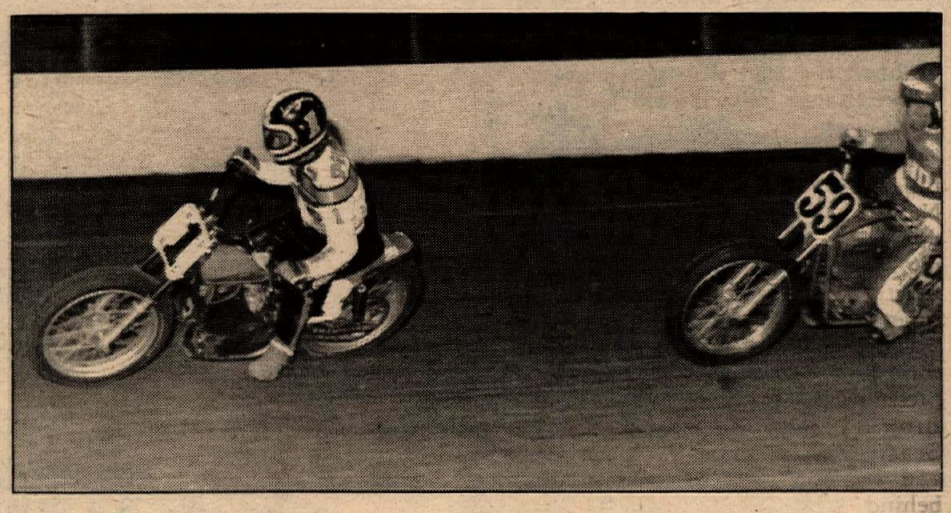


(Above) National winner Rick Hocking (17) battles Scott Pearson and Charlie Roberts (29P) at the start of their heat race. (Below left) Action from the National finds Steve Morehead leading Hank Scott (14), Rob Beary (behind Scott), Steve Eklund (11) and Ronnie Jones. (Below right) Springsteen (1) ended up second.





AMA Grand National Championship/Winston Pro Series — Rounds 17-18

Hocking, Springsteen top Santa Fe, Peoria, Eklund's point lead cut

By Gary Van Voorhis

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Jay Springsteen, via a second place finish in the Santa Fe Short Track and a win in the Peoria TT, has edged closer to his goal of grabbing a fourth consecutive AMA Grand National Championship title.

Steve Eklund grudgingly gave up 14 points of his 42 point lead going into the weekend and now finds Springsteen just 28 points behind, 192-164. Eklund rode to a pair of fourth place finishes in the two Nationals.

It was a disastrous weekend for Randy Goss. He suffered mechanical problems that kept his points tally to a mere five points from 13th and 12th place finishes, respectively, which cost him his second place in the standings and allowed Springsteen to open a 23 point gap.

Rick Hocking never skipped a beat on his way to a wire-to-wire Santa Fe win, becoming the 13th different Winston Pro Series winner this year. Springsteen and Texan Steve Gulledge filled out the top three.

Peoria, as hot and sticky as ever, provided even hotter racing as Springsteen out-dueled Scott Pearson for the win with Rick Graham taking third from Steve Eklund at the checkered flag by less than a foot.

Santa Fe

Rick Hocking, enjoying his best year ever, pushed his Kenny Weese sponsored and tuned Yamaha to a no-mistakes 20 lap win in the Santa Fe Short Track National. By doing so he vaulted to within a handful of points of Gary Scott, who controls fourth place in the standings.

Joining Hocking in the celebration were Harley-Davidson's Jay Springsteen and Steve Gulledge on his Bultaco Sales of Dallas/Ray Harrington Bultaco.

Time Trials

Steve Eklund, gunning for his sixth straight National win at the Santa Fe facility, picked up fast time on his Tom Hasler-attended Zanotti/Castrol Yamaha with the Patrick Racing/Sure-Fire/Carlisle Yamaha of Hank Scott a few ticks behind. Rounding out the top five were Hocking, Steve Elo, aboard the Niles Cycle Yamaha, and Viper Racing Frames sponsored Ronnie Jones.

Heats

Fifty-three riders were divided among six heats with the top two finishers in each going directly to the National. Except for the opening laps, there was relatively little close racing on the rough, rutted track.

Eklund kicked things off with an easy win in heat one while Belleville Suzuki/Neil Keen sponsored Rob Beary emerged from a three-way tangle which included Wayne Rainey and Rick Graham, to take second.

Heat two fell to the Woody Kyle tuned, Klotz-Wiseco sponsored Harley-Davidson of Garth Brow, who dropped Hank Scott to second on lap two and split. Scott held off Steve Morehead and Mike Kidd for his spot in the National.

Scott Pearson and Rick Hocking dueled for the lead in the opening laps of heat three before Hocking broke away for the win.

The fourth heat was all Springsteen with a to-the-flag battle for second among Mickey Fay, aboard his Roger

Stanley/American Honda entry, and Steve Elo. Fay held on.

Although the fifth heat produced the strongest line up of "name riders," they all took a back seat to Rookie of the Year candidate Ronnie Jones. Terry Poovey, on another Woody Kyle tuned Harley finished second.

The final heat saw Gulledge, out of self-enforced retirement, leave the racing to self-sponsored Tom Josephson and Bubba Rush with Josephson prevailing by a bike length at the flag.

Semis

Only the winner of each semi would transfer to the National to complete the 14 rider field. Harley-Davidson's Steve Morehead came up the winner in semi one with the Klotz-Wiseco Yamaha of Randy Goss taking the checkers in the final semi.

Trophy Race

"Gee, it feels good to win — even if it is the wrong race," said Wayne Rainey after his wire-to-wire romp. "The bike was really working. I guess we got it dialed in just a little too late."

Rainey, aboard the Friends Anonymous sponsored Kawasaki, rather than his usual Shell Racing Specialties Yamaha, had two shots at winning broken up by a red flag on lap three.

On the restart, Rainey again grabbed the lead with self-sponsored Willie Crabbe following him home.

National

Hocking wasted little time in grabbing the lead at the start of the National, and he stayed there for the duration. "I didn't have a problem all night," said a smiling Hocking of his fourth career National win. "It was my time, my race. I could feel it."

Close on Hocking in the early laps was Gulledge who was constantly pressured by Springsteen with Eklund, Brow, Jones, Poovey, Josephson, Beary, Fay, Morehead, Scott, Goss and Pearson in a scrambling pack behind.

Lap two saw Eklund get squeezed into a high line, lose momentum and slip back a few spots. Meanwhile, Jones was fighting a fouled plug and dropped back before it cleared out enough to allow him to move back to eighth.

Brow and Goss went out early with Brow crashing on lap five — Eklund lost a couple of spots avoiding the tangle — and Goss the victim of a seized engine. "Hey," said Brow, "at least I went down going for it. I wanted to win — I could have." Goss just shook his head and quietly said, "Bummer." He had been running fifth at the time.

Gulledge began to feel Springer's hot breath on lap four and on lap seven the defending Grand National Champion moved by. "I didn't want to make any mistakes so I took it a little easy," said Gulledge. "This is only my third race in over a year. I got a little tired toward the end. I'm really pleased that I did as well as I did."

At about the same time, Fay was moving into fourth from 10th on lap two. He dropped two spots to hard charging Eklund and Poovey at the flag after a seven lap confrontation with the pair.

Steady riding earned Beary seventh place while Jones was eighth. Josephson and Morehead rounded out the top 10.

Hocking, who had won two Nationals in 1974 and one in 1976, was a ball of energy once off his bike. He shook hands, slapped people on their backs, hugged his crew, jumped up and down and let out a couple of bronco bustin' yells. Finally, he calmed down enough to say, "Damn, it's been a long time between wins. I feel great."

Another World Championship For Bel-Ray

Just a few weeks ago Suzuki's Harry Everts ran away from his competition to capture the 125cc World Championship. Now Husqvarna's 250cc star, Hakan Carlqvist, has won another World Championship for Bel-Ray.

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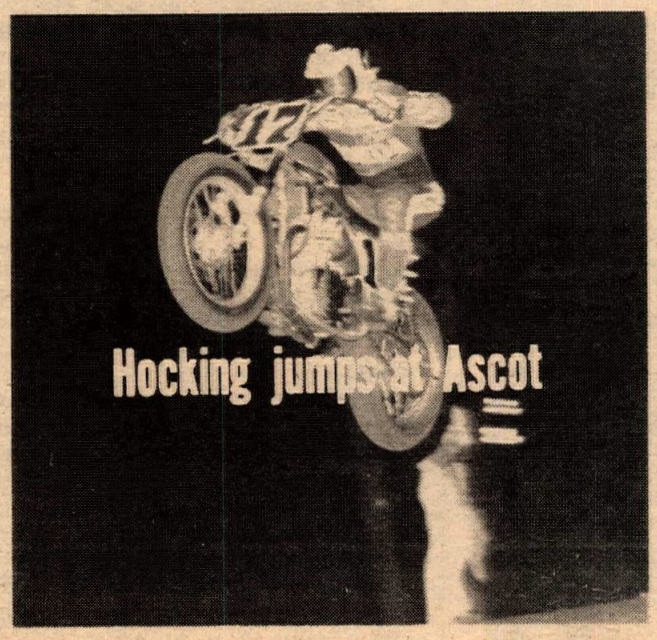

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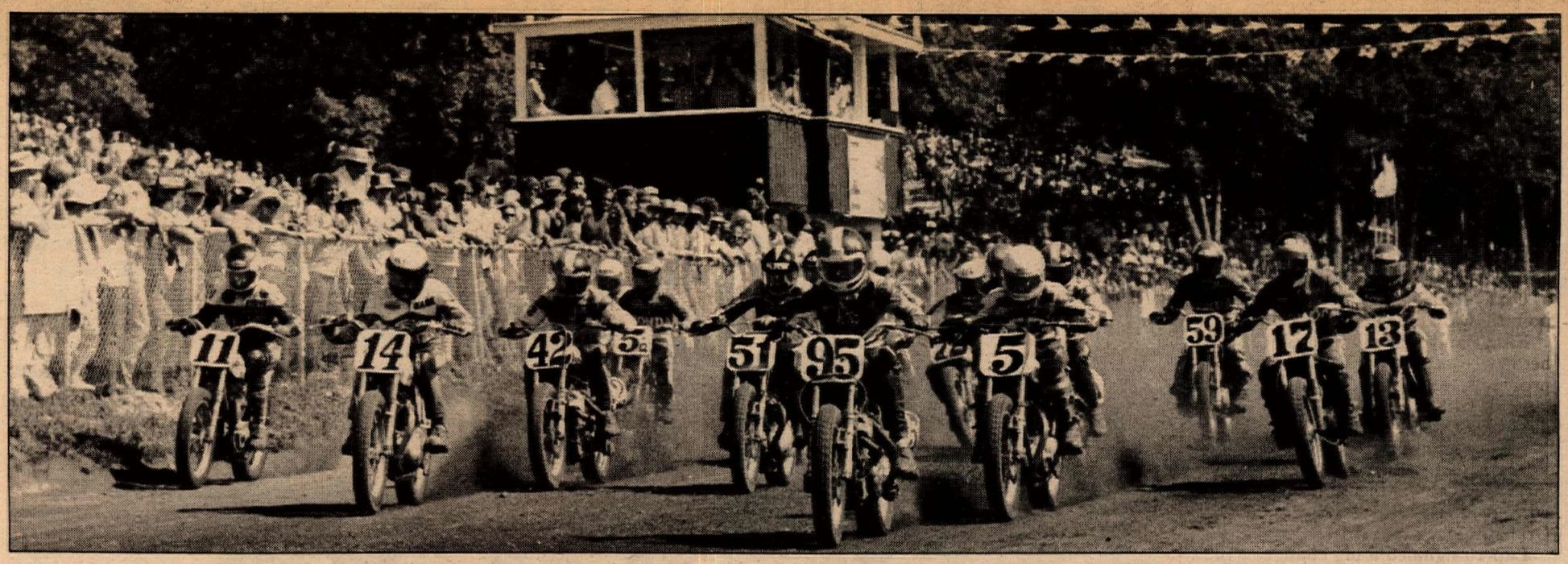
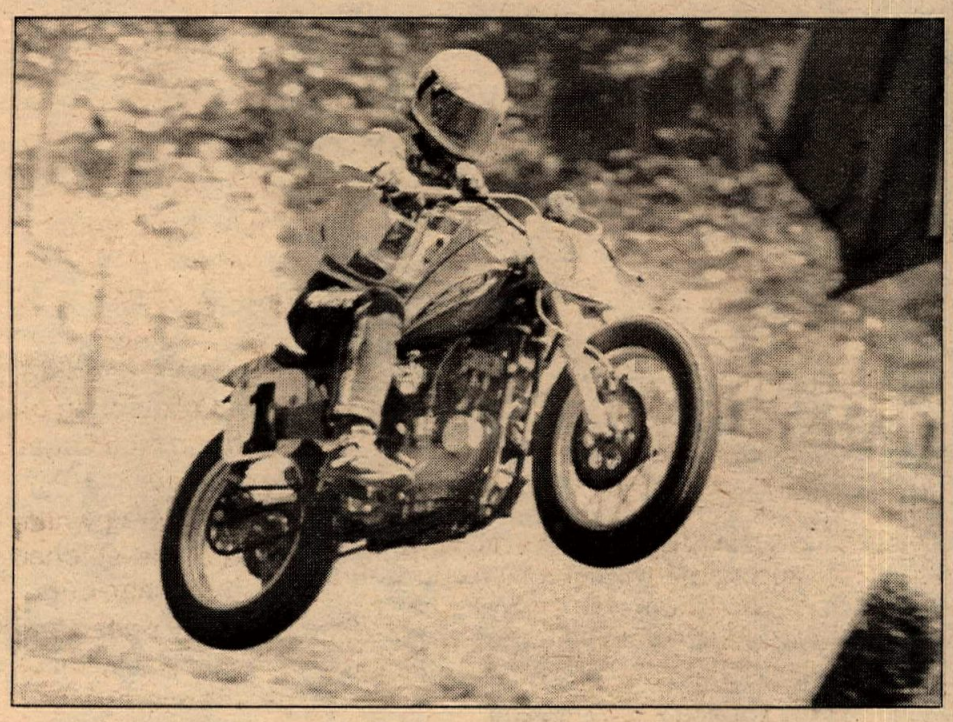


Scott Pearson gets the jump on the field, including (left to right) Steve Eklund, Hank Scott, Steve Morehead, John Wincewicz, Brad Hurst, Gary Scott, Mickey Fay, Rick Hocking and Randy Goss. (Below left) Springsteen shaved 14 points off Eklund's lead. (Below right) Ricky Graham (41) edged Eklund out of third.



Peoria

Jay Springsteen, after a hard fought win over Scott Pearson in the 25 lap Peoria TT, handed Steve Eklund another blow in their chase for the Winston Pro Series crown. Springsteen was joined in the winner's circle by first time champagne taster Scott Pearson and Ricky Graham.

"Hey, we're just getting started," said Springsteen after his win. "I feel good. I'm ready. It's nice to have a close race for the fans, but I would rather have run away with things and set my own pace. However, Scott wasn't having any of that at all."

In fact, Pearson certainly looked like he was going to win as he rode the best National of his career, leading 20 of the 25 laps in two different segments. "I really wanted to win, but I guess second isn't too bad," said Pearson afterwards. "Springer got underneath me the first time, but I got him right back. I thought I had it then until I slipped wide in turn one and he got a drive on me from the next corner. I darn near lost it on the last lap or he wouldn't have had any breathing room. Hey, don't forget to mention Harley-Davidson West, Valvoline, Circle Bell Enterprises, Bell and M&M Leathers 'cause they're the ones who help me. Bubba Patman built the bike."

While things were going strong in the battle for the win, Rick Graham was having problems of his own: Steve Eklund wanted his third place slot. They debated wheel-to-wheel for the final seven laps with Graham coming out on top at the flag by perhaps a foot. "I thought I had it," said a sweat streaked Graham, "but I wasn't sure. It was a helluva fight. I'm glad it's over, I'm hot and tired." Graham, sponsored by Boss Frames and M&M Leathers, had gone six Nationals without scoring points and was beginning to think he was jinxed.

Steve Eklund and Hank Scott rounded out the top five on what was a typically hot day for the Peoria National. The temperature hovered around the 90 degree mark, and an irregular breeze kept things at the barely livable level.

Time Trials

Triumph mounted Gary Scott tripped the clocks with fast time, although his 28.309 second tour of the twisting Peoria M.C. course was shy of Kenny Roberts' track record of 28.270 set in 1975. Springsteen followed just a tick away with his Harley while the Triumph of KRW Helmets sponsored Brad Hurst — winner of the Castle Rock TT — was third. Steve Eklund timed in fourth fastest with defending Peoria winner Chuck Joyner, on the Gary Davis Racing Specialties Triumph fifth.

Heats

While Gary Scott ran off to a win in the first heat on his KK Motorcycle Supply/Sisemore Traveland sponsored Triumph, Harley-Davidson's Steve Morehead and Scott Parker were giving the crowd plenty to cheer about. Parker, who had crashed twice in practice, wasn't about to let Morehead pass and was performing magic tricks in the cushion near the haybales in turns one/two on every lap. "I probably should have crashed at least five or six times," said Parker. "But I wasn't going to let that stop me."

In the end, Morehead's smoother line prevailed. However, Parker had won the crowd for his exciting all-out riding style.

Springsteen did a disappearing trick in the second heat with Hank Scott and his Triumph coming up to keep a steady hold over Rick Graham for second. Mickey Fay, aboard the American Honda/Roger Stanley/XR 500 entry, finished two bike lengths out of a transfer.

The third heat saw Brad Hurst in command from start to finish leading a pair of 500cc fliers into the National. Randy Goss, aboard Ted Boody's Yamaha TT500, finished second, leading the Honda XR500 of John Wincewicz to the flag ahead of more potent competition.

Rick Hocking put his Knight Frames/Ken Weese/American Honda sponsored XR500 out front for one lap in heat four before Steve Eklund took over and began to run away. Scott Pearson then moved past and things seemed set. However, one lap from the end Eklund's ground wire broke on his battery ignition and he sputtered to a third place finish behind Pearson and Hocking. "I was lucky it wasn't in the National," Eklund said later.

Semis

The first semi started without Chuck Joyner, the defending Peoria TT champ, who scratched after his crank broke on the final lap of heat one. Two riders would transfer from each of the semis with the first spots going to Fay and the Schaeffer's H-D/Zeckmans Cycle Center/Taylor White Racing Harley of Billy Schaeffer.

Semi two was an easy trip for the Army's Mike Kidd while Steve Lewis put in a hard ride aboard his Cycle Parts Distributing/St. Joe H-D sponsored Triumph for the final slot in the 16 rider field.

Trophy Race

"I sure would have liked to have been in the 25 lapper (National)," smiled an obviously happy Joe Peterson after winning the Trophy Race. "My sponsor Chuck Feken of Chuck's H-D deserves a lot of thanks for helping me. I guess we'll have to try again at Topeka and Des Moines in two weeks."

Peterson, Buddy Robinson, and Bubba Rush ran one-two-three to the finish from the second lap.

National

Gary Scott lined up on the inside (pit side) pole for the 6-6-4 grid start of the 25 lap National with Morehead, Parker, Springsteen, Hank Scott and Graham alongside.

Hurst, Goss, Wincewicz, Pearson, Hocking and Eklund made up row two with Fay, Schaeffer, Kidd and Lewis filling the final positions.

"Hey, Scott," called one beer drinker from the crowd to Gary, "Are you going to win this mess or just fool around?" He wanted to see some action, but it was Scott Pearson and not Gary Scott who was doing the number one trip.

Pearson, Scott, Eklund, Hank Scott, Springsteen, Hurst, Hocking and Graham were one long snake followed by the rest of the field on lap one. Wincewicz was already experiencing bike problems, and would complete only 21 laps.

By lap six Springsteen had aggressively moved past Hank Scott, Eklund and then Gary Scott, and settled in to wait for Pearson to make a mistake. Scott Parker, running mid-pack, had his mag go away and with it a chance for a few more National points toward Rookie of the Year.

Kidd's and Lewis' luck wasn't much better — both encountred mechanical problems, like Wincewicz, and were lapped, although they went the full distance.

Lap 10 found Springer breathing on Pearson while Gary Scott found life miserable at the front of a group containing Eklund, Hank Scott, Graham, Hurst and Hocking.

Lap 16 signaled a big change in the action as Pearson slipped wide in turn one and Springsteen saw the opening he needed. "I was skating the bike into the first turn while Springer was motoring in. He got underneath me and got a good drive. I decided I wouldn't let it bother me," said Pearson.

On the same lap Eklund and Graham dropped Gary back to fifth right in front of his brother, Hank.

Two laps later, Pearson nipped Springsteen in the same corner and regained the lead.

For five laps Pearson held up under the constant pressure of a probing, challenging Springsteen. Then, in the corner where it had happened before, Springsteen took over for good. Pearson wasn't going to let him get away, but a bobble on the final lap handed Springsteen plenty of breathing room.

Graham had gotten by Eklund while the fans were watching the battle up front with Hank dropping Gary a notch to sixth on lap 19. The battle between Graham and Eklund was tight. Eklund later lamented having "not quite enough power to get the job done."

Gary Scott found out that the heat — not only the temperature — was getting to him and lost sixth to Rick Hocking in the final three laps.

After spraying everyone in sight with champagne and then dousing both Pearson and Graham, Springsteen said, "Hey, I am ready, ready, ready! It's going to be a knock-down, drag-out battle to the end." ●

Results

SANTA FE AUG. 3, 1979

NATIONAL: 1. Rick Hocking (Yam); 2. Jay Springsteen (H-D); 3. Steve Gulledge (Bul); 4. Steve Eklund (Yam); 5. Terry Poovey (H-D); 6. Mickey Fay (Hon); 7. Rob Beary (Suz); 8. Ronnie Jones (Yam); 9. Tom Josephson (Yam); 10. Steve Morehead (H-D); 11. Hank Scott (Yam); 12. Scott Pearson (H-D); 13. Randy Goss (Yam); 14. Garth Brow (H-D).

TROPHY RACE: 1. Wayne Rainey (Kaw); 2. Willie Crabbe (Bul); 3. Ron Edgens (Yam); 4. Bubba Rush (Bul); 5. Steve Freeman (H-D); 6. Corky Keener (H-D); 7. Steve Pendergraft (Yam); 8. Mike Kidd (H-D); 9. Mike Caves (Hon); 10. Steve Elo (Yam).

PEORIA AUG. 5, 1979

NATIONAL: 1. Jay Springsteen (H-D); 2. Scott Pearson (H-D); 3. Rick Graham (Tri); 4. Steve Eklund (Yam); 5. Hank Scott (Tri); 6. Rick Hocking (Hon); 7. Gary Scott (Tri); 8. Mickey Fay (Hon); 9. Brad Hurst (Tri); 10. Steve Morehead (H-D); 11. Billy Schaeffer (H-D); 12. Randy Goss (Yam); 13. Steve Lewis (Tri); 14. Mike Kidd (H-D); 15. John Wincewicz (Hon); 16. Scott Parker (H-D).

TROPHY RACE: 1. Joe Peterson (H-D); 2. Buddy Robinson (Tri); 3. Bubba Rush (Yam); 4. Steve Pendergraft (Tri); 5. Wayne Rainey (Yam); 6. Carl Muffley (Tri); 7. Mike Caves (Hon); 8. Kenny McDonald (Yam); 9. Chas. Roberts (Yam); 10. Don Brown (Hon).

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